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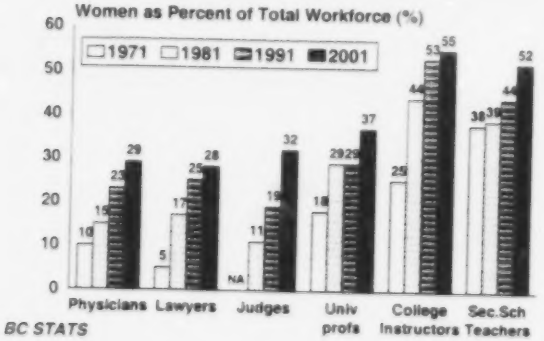
Progress in women's integration into the traditional male-dominated occupations.

Women's education levels have continued to increase relative to men's, so that today, more women than men are graduating from high school and are obtaining post-secondary credentials. As one would expect, this is reflected in a shift in the occupational distribution of women into higher-paid occupations. This shift has been very dramatic throughout the '90s. Below are some examples of what women have achieved in the professional occupations, traditional male-dominated trades, and in senior management.

To put the issue into an historical perspective, it is useful to observe women's integration over the last 30 years into some of the more highly paid/influential occupations.

Among many of the more influential professional jobs in society, women have made substantial progress. However, their representation in some jobs, remains well below their overall workforce representation of 47%.



Among university professors, college instructors and secondary school teachers, a group of occupations that provide important role models for youth in the process of making career choices, there are now as many women, as men.

Importantly, the medical and legal professions, often considered the more prestigious occupations, have been opened up to women. Considering that only one in twenty lawyers was a woman back in 1971, it is very impressive that they now represent more than one of every four. While that represents a considerable gain, there remains some distance to go if their numbers are to equal their overall representation in the workforce (47%). The same applies to women physicians.

The dramatic increases in women's representation in these high profile occupations in the last 30 years is also evident in most occupations that demand good salaries, do not require physical strength and have historically been considered "male occupations". Below we look at some of these jobs and the progress women have made in the 1990s.

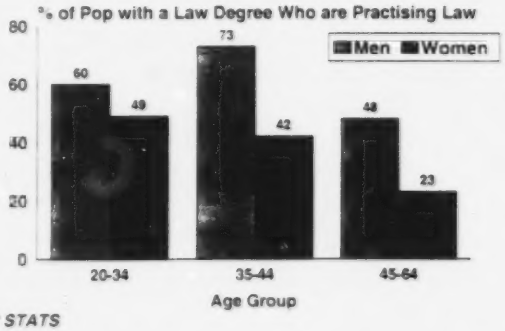
For decades, women have outnumbered men in the Business and Finance occupations, such as bookkeepers and accounting clerks, but they were extremely under-represented in the management of these jobs. They have now successfully moved into the field—*Financial administrative managers* saw women increase their representation from 35 to 52 per cent. Women also outnumber men (58%) among *Banking, credit and other investment managers.*

In the Teaching profession, traditionally, women have outnumbered men among *Elementary school and kindergarten teachers* but were under-represented among *Secondary school teachers.* Women's representation among elementary teachers has stayed pretty constant over the decade at approximately 81 per cent, but they now outnumber males among *Secondary school teachers,* increasing from 44 to 52 per cent. Of importance was the increase in the proportion of women in education management roles. For a sector that is so female dominated, the dominance of men in management has been questioned for decades. Among *School principals and administrators of elementary and secondary schools,* women are still the minority but in 2001, women represented 38 per cent of principals, compared to 29 per cent in 1991.

In the Health Services sector, women have improved their representation in some of the highly paid health professions such as physicians and dentists—they now comprise 30 per cent of the *General practitioners and family physicians,* up from 24 per cent 10 years earlier. Women dentists have doubled their relative representation in *Dentistry,* from 11 to 22 per cent. In addition, there are now as many women *Veterinarians* as there are men.

Among the Legal Professions, judges and lawyers, women increased their representation in the first half of the decade, from 19 to 32 per cent for judges and from 25 to 28 per cent for lawyers, but then their representation remained unchanged between 1996 and 2001. This flattening-out in the share may reflect that the long hours and stress required to practise law are not compatible with raising a family, so women lawyers are switching careers. The data illustrated in the chart below support this theory.

The data from the 2001 Census show that many more men than women with law degrees are practising law



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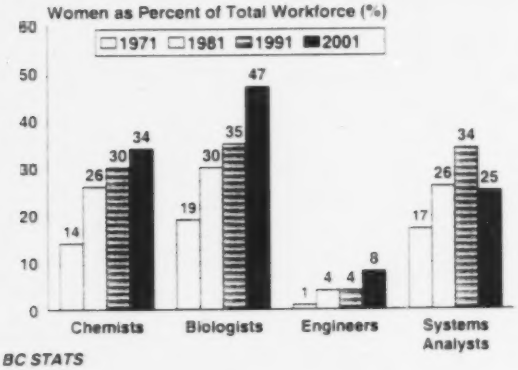
Within the professional occupations in the Natural and Applied Sciences, women continue to gradually increase their presence, rising from 13 per cent at the beginning of the decade to 16 per cent by the 2001 Census.

Among Scientists, only Systems Analysts have seen a decline in women's representation over the 90's



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Women have not increased their participation in the Systems Analyst field to the same extent men have. A big drop occurred between 1991 and 1996, when women's representation fell from 34 to 27 per cent. The decline continued in the last half of the decade when a further 2 percentage point drop occurred, so by 2001 only one out of 4 systems analysts were women.

In the Construction Trades, women comprised only 3 per cent of the workforce in 2001. That number had remained virtually unchanged throughout the '90s. It is difficult to understand why more women do not apprentice in the construction trades, as they represent 12 per cent of the *construction trades helpers and labourers*. For some reason, they do not appear to continue on and undertake formal training. In occupations such as *plumbers* and *carpenters*, the representation of women is only 1.5 per cent. The only construction trade where the number of women is significant is among painters—10 per cent *of painters and decorators* are women.

A sample of Other trades where women's presence is virtually non-existent are:

Electricians	2.5%
Machinists	2.6%
Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanics	1.3%
Motor vehicle mechanics	1.4%
Sheet Metal Workers	1.8%

Women's representation is somewhat more significant in *Telecommunications installation and repair* (12.5%), *Printing press operators* (10.5%), and *Cabinetmakers* (4.7%). Women dominate in *Tailors, dressmakers, furriers and milliners* (88%).

For the Senior Management occupations, the pre-1991 and the post-1991 occupational classification systems are not consistent enough to be able to make comparisons of women's representation in senior management over a 30-year time frame. However, it is possible to compare the management group as a whole, which shows that women increased their representation from 12 per cent in 1971 to 36 per cent in 2001.

During the 1990s, women's representation in *Senior Management* trended upwards at an average annual rate of one per cent per year, from 16 per cent in 1991, to 21 per cent in 1996, to 26 per cent in 2001. As the chart below shows, women now dominate

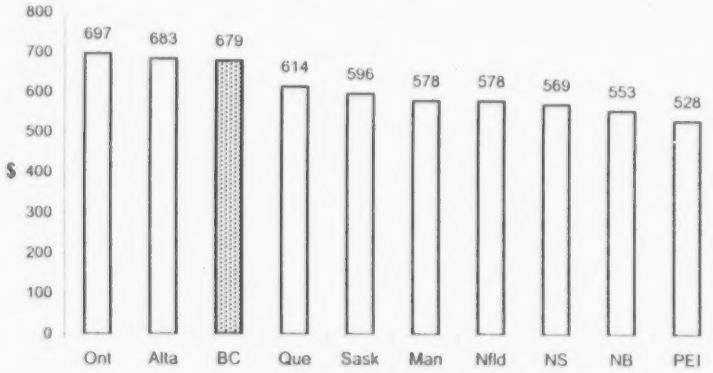
senior management positions in the area of Health, Education, Social and Community Services, which all are primarily within the public sector. As well, *legislators*, (includes MPs, MLAs, City Councillors, School Trustees, and other elected officials) now have a gender mix verging on the gender mix in the overall workforce.

Women still hold only 26% of Senior Management positions. However, they have made considerable inroads into Senior Management in the Public Sector.

However, by far the majority of Senior Mangers are in the private sector, and women have not been as successful in moving into those areas. Three out of four senior managers are in the sectors represented by the three categories in the right hand side of the chart above. It becomes obvious that despite a very high representation of women in many of these sectors, they have not made very substantial headway into senior management. The successful movement of women into senior management in the public sector begs the question as to whether the Employment Equity Programs, which are more prevalent within the public sector, have proved beneficial for women.

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - July 2003

by Province



by Industry

Utilities 1035
Forestry Fishing & Mining 970
Public Administration 898
Profess , Scient & Tech Serv 876
Transportation & Warehousing 808
Manufacturing 797
Educational Services 787
Construction 777
Finance, Insur & Real Estate 743
Health & Social Services 700
Retail & Wholesale Trade 512
Agriculture 446
Accommod & Food Services 348
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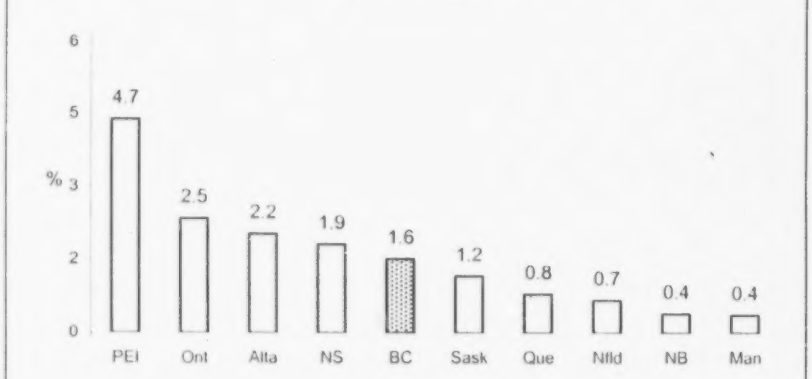
** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - July 2003

by Province



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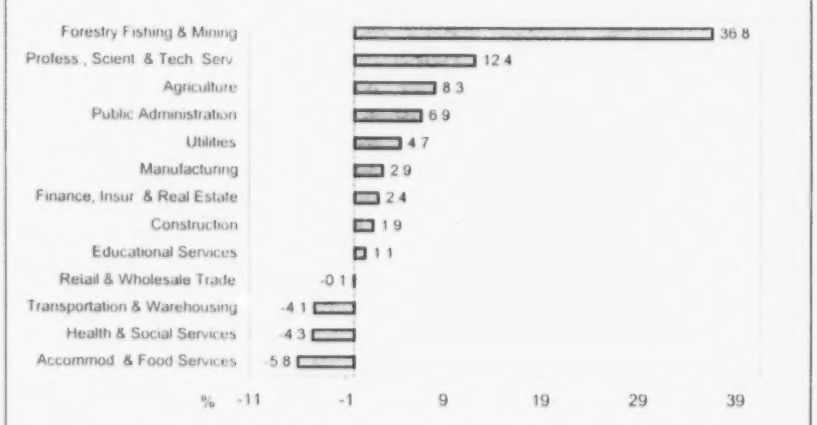
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** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.9			-0.1	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.3			-0.5	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			3.9			2.3	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.2	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	1.0	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002 Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	2.3	-0.9	1.3	1.2	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.8	0.9	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.1	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.0	1.3	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.1	2.0	0.7	-0.3	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.7	0.0	1.2	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.2	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.4	1.8	-0.9	1.4	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.8	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	3.2	1.6	-2.2	0.8	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003 Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.4	0.4	-2.2	0.8	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	4.0	0.3	-2.4	1.0	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
Mar	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	4.2	-0.6	-2.6	1.1	3.8	2.9	0.9	7.7	7.3	5.8
Apr	2.3	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	2.3	-0.4	-1.6	0.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	8.1	7.5	6.0
May	1.9	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.9	0.1	-0.9	0.9	3.1	2.3	0.7	8.6	7.8	6.1
Jun	1.7	2.6	2.1	3.0	1.4	2.2	1.3	-1.1	0.1	1.6	2.2	1.0	8.3	7.7	6.4
Jul	1.7	2.2		3.6	2.1		1.9	-0.1		1.4	1.9		8.6	7.8	
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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		548.45		487.77		479.56		440.42		492.79	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.40	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.06	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.36	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.28	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.8	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.53	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.46	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.8
Apr	650.90	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	519.74	6.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.36	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	574.80	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	540.65	-0.4
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	3.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	554.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	668.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.66	0.5	574.05	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.38	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	678.18	4.2	685.50	3.6	587.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.4	582.87	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.78	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.4	572.38	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
Feb	658.93	2.1	679.14	3.5	689.76	2.2	599.15	2.8	577.67	2.7	699.38	1.4	613.76	2.0	553.87	2.8	560.51	2.3	541.96	7.4	571.19	3.3
Mar	658.12	1.6	682.00	2.8	686.10	0.6	602.81	3.6	580.87	2.5	694.25	0.4	617.22	2.6	557.75	2.7	565.92	3.8	541.72	6.8	571.99	2.1
Apr	659.75	1.4	680.37	1.8	681.47	0.0	597.39	2.1	578.10	1.5	700.84	1.1	615.79	1.4	556.40	1.8	575.01	4.1	559.21	7.6	584.79	3.0
May	662.79	1.9	684.33	2.1	679.01	-1.0	597.66	2.1	578.69	1.6	703.47	2.0	622.41	2.4	560.16	3.1	586.28	4.7	542.54	5.0	590.15	2.6
Jun	659.76	1.4	688.57	3.0	677.05	-1.5	596.68	1.8	579.03	0.6	698.43	1.3	620.93	1.8	559.20	2.4	575.26	3.5	529.41	3.8	583.41	1.5
Jul	662.42	2.1	687.34	3.6	685.37	-0.2	607.89	3.5	588.73	0.8	700.11	1.7	623.38	2.4	553.83	1.4	581.42	3.6	530.05	6.5	581.63	7.6
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Jan-Jul02	648.22		663.73		680.25		584.55		569.95		690.09		605.65		543.27		552.50		509.94		561.20	
Jan-Jul03	659.99		683.04		683.53		599.04		578.99		699.19		618.56		556.78		572.36		538.96		580.10	
% Change	1.8		2.9		0.5		2.5		1.6		1.3		2.1		2.5		3.6		5.7		3.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
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1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
Feb	18.09	2.4	19.13	3.6	18.20	2.4	16.37	3.5	15.92	2.6	18.94	1.5	17.42	3.0	14.84	2.0	15.33	3.4	14.95	7.0	15.37	3.4
Mar	18.04	2.0	19.09	3.2	18.11	0.1	16.38	3.0	16.06	2.8	18.81	1.0	17.47	3.1	14.89	2.1	15.40	5.0	14.90	6.1	15.46	2.9
Apr	18.04	1.7	19.03	2.3	18.09	-0.2	16.35	2.8	15.87	1.4	18.90	1.6	17.39	1.9	14.87	2.1	15.45	4.7	15.01	7.2	15.70	4.5
May	17.99	2.2	18.99	2.2	17.85	-0.6	16.13	2.0	15.85	1.4	18.88	2.2	17.42	2.7	14.78	3.2	15.60	6.3	14.41	6.5	15.52	4.5
Jun	17.84	1.6	18.98	2.9	17.80	-1.2	16.07	1.6	15.76	-0.3	18.71	1.4	17.29	2.5	14.53	2.1	15.25	4.6	13.97	5.9	15.10	3.2
Jul	17.78	2.3	18.87	3.1	17.87	0.5	16.10	2.5	15.80	0.5	18.64	2.1	17.18	2.8	14.31	0.6	15.31	5.0	13.91	8.1	14.85	6.8
Aug																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Jul02	17.61		18.46		17.91		15.81		15.62		18.53		16.92		14.42		14.69		13.68		14.74	
Jan-Jul03	17.97		19.03		18.00		16.25		15.86		18.82		17.36		14.72		15.37		14.53		15.36	
% Change	2.1		3.1		0.5		2.7		1.5		1.6		2.6		2.0		4.6		6.2		4.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
Feb	15,375.7	3.5	1,971.3	3.6	1,677.4	3.3	475.5	2.3	556.6	1.0	6,120.1	3.9	3,564.4	3.6	329.6	2.5	417.4	2.7	62.1	2.5	201.1	3.2
Mar	15,424.0	3.0	1,998.2	4.0	1,680.2	2.5	477.1	2.4	559.7	0.0	6,134.7	3.7	3,557.9	2.1	331.4	1.4	419.9	2.4	62.3	1.3	202.6	1.9
Apr	15,478.7	2.5	1,993.9	2.9	1,678.9	2.9	477.2	2.8	564.4	1.3	6,142.9	3.2	3,595.5	1.7	330.4	-0.3	427.2	2.8	63.3	-1.1	205.1	0.2
May	15,799.6	2.1	2,015.6	2.7	1,726.4	3.4	493.7	1.6	577.3	1.5	6,251.3	2.9	3,663.6	0.8	338.9	-2.9	440.9	1.4	71.4	1.7	220.5	1.8
Jun	16,074.6	2.2	2,042.5	1.6	1,756.3	3.4	501.5	1.5	579.9	-0.1	6,312.2	3.0	3,753.3	1.2	362.1	0.5	451.4	2.3	77.3	6.3	238.0	3.7
Jul	16,090.4	1.8	2,055.8	1.6	1,756.0	2.2	500.3	1.2	579.1	0.4	6,309.0	2.5	3,755.4	0.8	365.7	0.4	451.1	1.9	75.7	4.7	242.4	0.7
Aug																						
Sep																						
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Average:																						
Jan-Jul02	15,248.0		1,951.1		1,658.4		475.5		564.0		5,997.6		3,561.8		339.3		422.9		65.9		211.5	
Jan-Jul03	15,644.2		2,003.1		1,706.1		485.8		567.5		6,193.0		3,632.1		341.1		432.2		67.6		215.6	
% Change	2.6		2.7		2.9		2.2		0.6		3.3		2.0		0.5		2.2		2.7		1.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
Mar	33.0	-1.2	32.8	-0.3	35.8	0.3	34.3	-0.9	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-1.8	33.2	-1.2	34.9	1.5	31.0	-2.2	33.4	1.8	33.4	-1.8
Apr	30.2	-13.0	29.0	-12.4	31.7	-11.5	30.9	-12.5	30.1	-13.3	30.3	-13.9	30.0	-12.3	31.2	-11.1	29.9	-12.3	30.0	-13.3	29.6	-14.5
May	34.5	-1.1	33.2	-0.6	35.8	-0.3	37.2	-0.5	34.9	0.9	34.6	-1.4	33.9	-1.2	35.5	-0.8	35.3	1.1	37.2	-1.8	35.0	-1.7
Jun	34.7	-1.4	33.5	0.3	36.0	-0.6	36.1	1.1	34.9	0.9	34.9	-2.0	33.8	-2.3	36.0	-0.6	35.6	-0.3	37.9	-2.1	36.4	-2.9
Jul	31.3	1.0	31.6	0.6	34.4	3.0	32.2	-1.2	32.2	2.2	32.4	0.6	26.9	1.9	33.7	0.6	32.7	-0.9	33.5	-3.7	33.4	-0.9
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul02	33.9		32.8		35.3		34.9		33.9		34.3		32.8		34.9		33.9		34.9		34.6	
Jan-Jul03	33.1		32.1		34.9		33.8		33.3		33.3		32.0		34.4		33.0		34.1		33.6	
% Change	-2.4		-2.0		-1.2		-3.0		-1.8		-2.8		-2.4		-1.6		-2.5		-2.5		-3.1	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993									377.6		1,194.9					
1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
Mar	811.45	-1.2	648.86	3.7	20.46	-1.4	18.73	4.2	421.8	13.1	1,576.4	1.9	37.5	3.6	31.5	-1.6
Apr	821.04	1.5	644.59	1.6	20.61	0.8	18.62	2.5	411.7	9.3	1,582.2	1.3	31.7	-13.2	28.3	-12.4
May	814.95	1.2	649.08	1.9	20.52	1.7	18.57	2.1	431.4	10.6	1,584.2	0.8	37.4	-1.6	32.1	-0.6
Jun	828.09	6.3	651.05	1.5	20.57	4.6	18.55	2.3	437.7	7.8	1,604.9	0.0	37.4	-1.3	32.4	0.3
Jul	803.80	6.5	654.50	2.4	20.23	6.5	18.49	2.0	451.3	6.3	1,604.4	0.4	35.9	-0.8	30.4	0.7
Aug																
Sep																
Oct																
Nov																
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Jul02	797.46		631.41		20.12		18.06		385.5		1,565.6		36.7		31.8	
Jan-Jul03	814.29		648.95		20.51		18.64		421.5		1,581.6		36.3		31.0	
% Change	2.1		2.8		1.9		3.3		9.4		1.0		-1.1		-2.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
Mar	811.45	-1.2	472.28	-8.3	996.15	4.2	1080.61	16.6	794.78	-2.2	803.35	-2.8
Apr	821.04	1.5	444.01	-13.4	1061.44	9.0	1061.08	18.1	805.85	1.5	797.70	-3.7
May	814.95	1.2	460.86	-7.0	975.25	0.9	1030.88	0.6	817.48	3.8	780.98	-5.0
Jun	828.09	6.3	500.60	16.6	933.74	-2.7	1072.67	2.2	834.91	9.9	797.67	0.5
Jul	803.80	6.5	479.47	10.1	944.43	3.2	1086.46	4.1	801.41	8.1	776.97	1.2
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul02	797.46		485.46		950.63		958.58		785.83		803.28	
Jan-Jul03	814.29		457.85		976.18		1054.96		808.98		798.13	
% Change	2.1		-5.7		2.7		10.1		2.9		-0.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Education		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Health and Social Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	667.51	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	695.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
Mar	648.86	3.7	807.26	2.0	513.78	2.2	760.09	8.6	844.95	2.2	764.90	-0.8	692.54	0.2	379.30	14.3	892.60	-1.2	682.00	2.8
Apr	644.59	1.6	780.31	-3.6	499.74	-0.2	749.48	3.7	877.68	2.9	768.02	-2.6	701.63	1.6	357.46	4.7	924.19	3.4	680.37	1.8
May	649.08	1.9	804.66	-2.3	514.18	1.6	747.84	3.3	868.27	3.3	805.62	2.3	681.62	-0.7	345.61	-1.6	906.52	3.8	684.33	2.1
Jun	651.05	1.5	781.14	-2.9	521.98	0.8	712.44	-4.8	837.42	2.8	832.26	10.0	712.95	3.2	360.62	-1.6	895.29	2.2	688.57	3.0
Jul	654.50	2.4	815.63	-0.1	510.09	-2.2	708.94	-4.3	826.55	1.3	866.04	9.2	730.07	6.1	376.44	11.8	901.28	0.0	687.34	3.6
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul02	631.41		797.52		500.95		713.09		826.89		773.31		684.09		340.02		887.84		663.73	
Jan-Jul03	648.95		809.80		514.06		734.54		867.82		790.39		699.52		358.25		900.29		683.04	
% Change	2.8		1.5		2.6		3.0		5.0		2.2		2.3		5.4		1.4		2.9	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
Mar	20.46	-1.4	12.66	-6.1	23.57	7.5	27.44	8.4	20.19	-1.7	20.44	-4.7
Apr	20.61	0.8	12.07	-13.2	24.88	7.4	27.61	15.0	20.37	1.4	20.08	-4.6
May	20.52	1.7	11.56	-10.2	23.45	4.0	27.03	2.2	20.66	4.2	19.77	-4.7
Jun	20.57	4.6	12.57	9.7	21.98	-3.6	28.19	5.0	20.84	7.8	19.84	-0.8
Jul	20.23	6.5	11.97	7.1	22.52	6.4	28.71	4.3	20.29	7.2	19.72	2.5
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul02	20.12		12.67		22.22		25.30		19.89		20.58	
Jan-Jul03	20.51		12.21		23.33		27.60		20.44		20.17	
% Change	1.9		-3.6		5.0		9.1		2.8		-2.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
Mar	18.73	4.2	20.60	4.5	14.90	2.8	20.51	5.7	23.05	4.1	24.15	3.0	21.40	3.7	11.93	7.3	23.92	-1.3	19.09	3.2
Apr	18.62	2.5	20.34	-0.3	14.48	0.4	20.30	3.4	23.63	4.4	24.38	2.5	21.52	3.6	11.38	1.4	24.44	1.1	19.03	2.3
May	18.57	2.1	20.27	-0.9	14.85	2.2	19.88	1.4	22.82	2.5	24.27	2.0	21.49	2.9	11.23	-1.9	23.79	0.9	18.99	2.2
Jun	18.55	2.3	20.24	-1.3	14.75	1.5	19.50	-2.8	22.41	3.2	24.79	11.7	21.76	3.3	11.14	-5.3	23.80	0.9	18.98	2.9
Jul	18.49	2.0	20.67	1.9	14.50	-1.8	19.69	-4.8	21.81	-0.5	25.28	10.9	22.30	5.3	11.33	2.2	23.95	-0.4	18.87	3.1
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul02	18.06		20.12		14.39		19.47		21.94		23.33		20.81		11.20		23.88		18.46	
Jan-Jul03	18.64		20.64		14.80		20.03		23.14		24.38		21.64		11.40		24.00		19.03	
% Change	3.3		2.6		2.8		2.9		5.5		4.5		4.0		1.7		0.5		3.1	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing: Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied		Construction	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
Mar	421.8	13.1	36.1	54.3	29.0	16.0	4.1	95.2	15.5	38.4	207.6	8.4	27.2	34.7	50.7	0.8	15.5	-26.5	115.0	7.0
Apr	411.7	9.3	33.3	33.7	26.9	22.3	2.3	-8.0	14.6	57.0	208.7	7.1	30.0	50.0	51.8	7.0	14.5	-23.7	111.5	-0.4
May	431.4	10.6	35.3	21.3	27.8	14.9	2.4	4.3	18.5	110.2	212.8	10.8	32.0	42.9	52.8	9.3	14.2	-26.8	119.9	0.3
Jun	437.7	7.8	35.8	9.1	30.0	29.9	5.2	100.0	15.4	60.4	209.3	3.3	30.2	5.2	51.6	15.2	16.5	-8.8	128.0	5.2
Jul	451.3	6.3	37.9	8.3	33.8	29.0	4.8	60.0	15.8	50.5	213.5	2.9	31.8	-3.3	52.5	16.4	15.4	-7.8	132.3	1.9
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul02	385.5		26.8		23.7		2.4		10.5		193.6		23.4		46.6		18.3		115.9	
Jan-Jul03	421.5		33.9		29.2		4.2		14.2		207.1		29.6		50.4		15.7		119.2	
% Change	9.4		26.3		23.5		71.8		35.7		7.0		26.8		8.2		-14.0		2.8	

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3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
Feb	1,568.8	2.0	115.6	9.0	312.9	2.9	127.9	14.5	924.2	-1.4	161.3	13.4	211.8	0.8	158.1	-9.3	88.2	12.2	1,971.3	3.6
Mar	1,576.4	1.9	116.9	15.1	312.1	4.3	127.7	16.1	935.7	-1.9	158.6	11.0	211.6	0.1	161.1	-10.9	84.0	2.1	1,998.2	4.0
Apr	1,582.2	1.3	111.7	7.0	318.4	0.4	128.9	19.1	941.9	-1.2	155.1	5.0	214.5	-0.8	157.6	-12.4	81.2	2.9	1,993.9	2.9
May	1,584.2	0.8	117.8	9.4	313.8	-2.5	119.8	7.4	947.9	-0.1	148.4	6.2	210.9	-1.3	159.4	-10.8	84.7	3.2	2,015.6	2.7
Jun	1,604.9	0.0	112.7	0.3	316.9	-1.0	122.0	2.6	961.9	-0.6	145.8	1.5	214.3	-2.0	165.2	-6.5	91.3	6.9	2,042.5	1.6
Jul	1,604.4	0.4	111.0	-4.1	327.9	-0.1	121.7	2.4	947.7	0.2	120.7	1.1	212.8	-4.3	169.3	-5.8	96.2	6.9	2,055.8	1.6
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Jan-Jul02	1,565.6		107.4		313.4		113.5		948.4		140.1		215.4		177.0		83.0		1,951.1	
Jan-Jul03	1,581.6		114.3		317.5		125.2		937.7		149.3		211.9		161.0		86.8		2,003.1	
% Change	1.0		6.4		1.3		10.3		-1.1		6.6		-1.6		-9.0		4.7		2.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
Mar	37.5	3.6	34.1	2.4	40.6	-1.9	34.5	-0.6	37.3	2.5	37.8	8.3
Apr	31.7	-13.2	32.5	-9.7	30.7	-12.0	33.0	-0.6	32.5	-12.2	30.2	-17.5
May	37.4	-1.6	40.0	3.9	36.4	-6.4	35.9	-4.0	37.4	-2.3	37.3	0.8
Jun	37.4	-1.3	42.8	14.4	39.9	4.7	37.6	-3.8	37.0	-1.9	35.4	-6.8
Jul	35.9	-0.8	39.3	0.5	36.1	-7.4	33.6	13.9	35.2	0.6	36.4	-1.9
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Average:												
Jan-Jul02	36.7		34.7		38.8		34.7		37.1		35.9	
Jan-Jul03	36.3		36.3		38.1		35.7		36.5		35.3	
% Change	-1.1		4.6		-1.9		2.8		-1.7		-1.5	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
Mar	31.5	-1.6	37.1	9.8	30.6	-6.7	34.2	-2.6	35.1	-2.5	27.6	-13.2	28.7	-7.4	29.7	5.7	34.3	2.1	32.8	-0.3
Apr	28.3	-12.4	31.9	-12.6	28.7	-9.5	28.6	-18.8	30.8	-16.3	26.0	-20.7	26.3	-12.6	28.8	3.6	30.2	-16.1	29.0	-12.4
May	32.1	-0.6	38.0	2.2	31.3	-4.0	33.8	-2.9	36.1	5.2	31.4	-2.5	27.9	-8.2	30.5	7.8	35.1	1.2	33.2	-0.6
Jun	32.4	0.3	35.3	-1.9	31.9	-2.1	32.9	-2.1	34.6	0.3	32.2	0.3	30.0	3.4	31.5	5.7	35.5	-0.3	33.5	0.3
Jul	30.4	0.7	36.8	-0.3	31.3	3.0	31.7	-3.9	34.8	7.7	17.5	-12.1	27.6	0.4	31.9	11.5	32.7	-1.2	31.6	0.6
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Average:																				
Jan-Jul02	31.8		35.9		31.9		34.7		35.1		30.2		29.7		28.5		34.3		32.8	
Jan-Jul03	31.0		35.5		30.8		33.0		34.4		27.9		28.3		29.6		34.1		32.1	
% Change	-2.6		-1.2		-3.5		-4.7		-1.9		-7.7		-4.9		3.8		-0.5		-2.0	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Linda Coldwell at (250) 356-2328 or Linda.Coldwell@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

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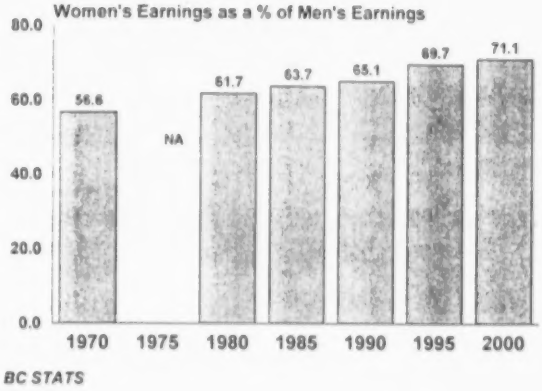
Earnings & Employment Trends ◆ August 2003

In the last 30 years, women have made significant progress in the workforce, demonstrated by increased representation and a reduced male/female wage gap



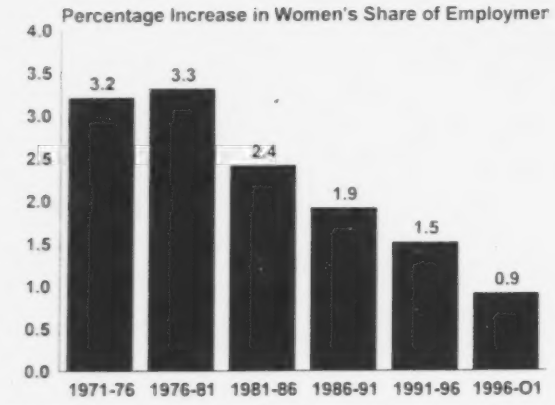
Women's successful integration into the workplace over the past three decades has been well documented. Much progress has been made, but there still remain distinctive differences between the sexes, particularly with regard to salaries.

The monitoring of progress is usually in the form of either comparing women's representation in the workforce or by tracking the male/female wage gap over time, both at the aggregate level and within specific occupations. This article explores the changes that have occurred in BC in the relative standings of the sexes in both these areas. Emphasis is on the comparative shifts of the last decade.

Women's Representation in the Workforce

In terms of women's share of total jobs, from the 70's to the 90's, women aged 15-64 flooded into the workforce, increasing their participation rate from the 50 per cent range in the early 70's to 70 per cent by 1991. Throughout the 90's their participation rate continued to hover around the 70 per cent mark[1]. Despite this flattening out of the participation rate, their share of total jobs continued to increase. This was due to, not a change in women's behaviour, but a change in men's. In the 90's, men's participation in the workforce declined from 85 to 81 per cent. The outcome has been that by 2001, 47 per cent of all jobs were held by women. This compares to 34 per cent three decades earlier.

[1] Data from the Labour Force Survey show a continuation at the 70 per cent level since the 2001 Census.

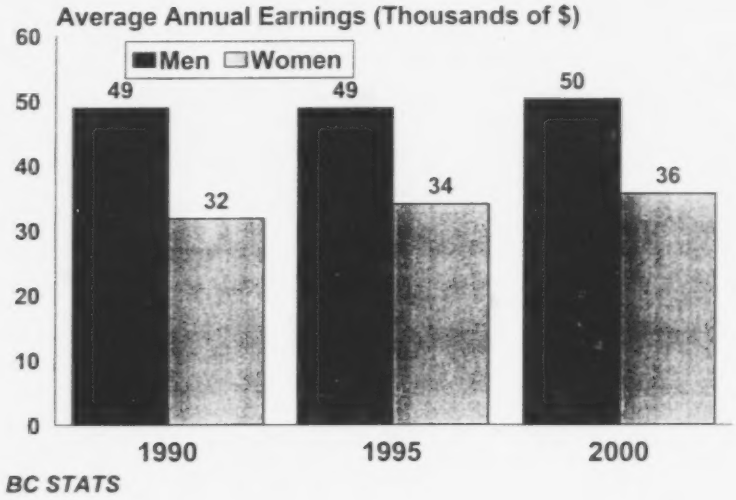


The gains in the representation of women in the workforce have definitely fallen off since the 1970's. In fact, in the last half of the 90's gains were barely perceptible, averaging only 0.2 per cent annually. The fact that women's participation has remained around the 70 per cent mark for over a decade may imply that future advances are unlikely. Women occupying 47 per cent of all jobs may be the upper limit unless men decrease their participation further.

The Male/Female Wage Gap

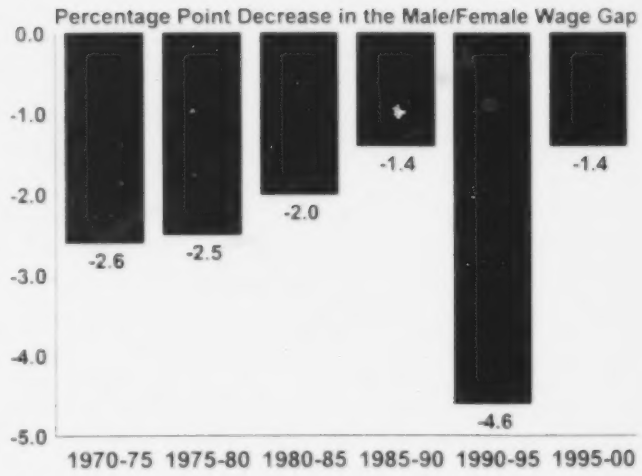
Throughout the same time period women were also making gains on men in their earning power. In 1970, women earned not much more than one-half of what men earned, but by 2000 this rate increased to 71 per cent. The 2001 Census shows that women who worked full-year/full-time in 2000 earned $35,636 compared to $50,159 for men.

BC Women who work full-year/full-time still earn considerably less than their male co-workers



So while women's earnings still fall well short of men's, they did increase by 11.9 per cent over the decade while that for men increased by only 2.6 per cent. Women's earnings seemed to edge up throughout the decade while men's stalled in the first half of the 90's and then increased by 2.8 per cent between 1995 and 2000.

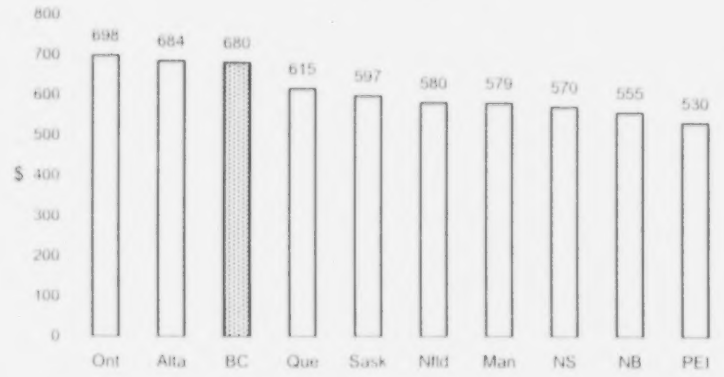
The faltering of men's earnings in the first half of the 90's meant that women made a significant catch-up. Their earnings as a per cent of men's increased from 65.1 to 69.7, which is a decline in the wage gap of 4.6 percentage points. Then between 1995 and 2000 the reduction in the gap dropped back to 1.4 percentage points, more in line with what had been going on in the 1980's. However, over the ten year period, the 90's saw women reduce the earnings gap with men by 6 percentage points, which exceeds the gains of either the 70's or 80's.



Although women still have a long way to go to earn comparable salaries to men, the 90's saw big improvements. As well, it is likely that much more of the gap will be chipped away in the years to come. Currently, the older the woman the less she earns relative to the men in her age group. An explanation for this gap is that women's relative education level is far surpassed by men's among the older workforce. However, the male/female education gap does a switch around in the under-35 age group - women now have relatively more university degrees than men among this younger workforce. Thus, it will only be a matter of time before women's wages approach those of men's, as the relatively lesser-educated women retire.

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - August 2003

by Province

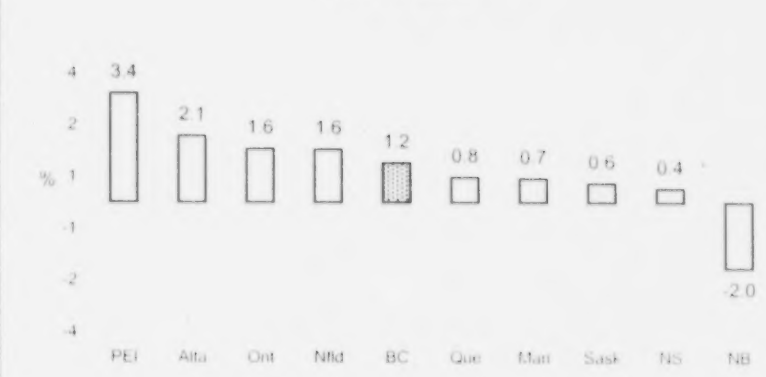


by Industry

** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - August 2003

by Province



by Industry

** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.9			-0.1	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.3			-0.5	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			3.9			2.3	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3.	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.2	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	1.0	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002 Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	2.3	-0.9	1.3	1.2	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.8	0.9	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	.7	5.7
Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.1	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.0	1.3	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.1	2.0	0.7	-0.3	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.7	0.0	1.2	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.2	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.4	1.8	-0.9	1.4	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.8	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	3.2	1.6	-2.2	0.8	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003 Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.4	0.4	-2.2	0.8	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	4.0	0.3	-2.4	1.0	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
Mar	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	4.2	-0.6	-2.6	1.1	3.8	2.9	0.9	7.7	7.3	5.8
Apr	2.3	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	2.3	-0.4	-1.6	0.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	8.1	7.5	6.0
May	1.9	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.9	0.1	-0.9	0.9	3.1	2.3	0.7	8.6	7.8	6.1
Jun	1.7	2.6	2.1	3.0	1.4	2.2	1.3	-1.1	0.1	1.6	2.2	1.0	8.3	7.7	6.4
Jul	1.7	2.2	2.1	3.6	2.1	2.8	1.9	-0.1	0.7	1.4	1.9	0.8	8.6	7.8	6.2
Aug				2.9	2.2					1.1	1.4		8.7	8.0	
Sep															
Oct															
Nov															
Dec															

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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
1994																						
1995																						
1996																						
1997	572 16		610 70		560 83		501 32		508 22		604 32		548 45		487 77		479 56		440 42		492 79	
1998	579 89		618 35		573 15		508 24		515 55		611 13		555 93		496 06		494 60		446 17		490 40	
1999	595 62	2 7	625 22	1 1	593 60	3 6	524 90	3 3	530 97	3 0	633 05	3 6	565 83	1 8	504 70	1 7	503 35	1 8	462 02	3 6	495 79	1 1
2000	614 87	3 2	637 07	1 9	615 30	3 7	544 34	3 7	549 80	3 5	656 48	3 7	579 35	2 4	532 17	5 4	521 09	3 5	472 06	2 2	524 13	5 7
2001	634 30	3 2	645 70	1 4	651 14	5 8	572 13	5 1	559 28	1 7	678 12	3 3	595 09	2 7	536 18	0 8	540 89	3 8	496 51	5 2	550 29	5 0
2002	650 10	2 5	667 51	3 4	681 54	4 7	587 35	2 7	573 25	2 5	691 46	2 0	606 54	1 9	545 50	1 7	557 51	3 1	510 75	2 9	566 36	2 9
2002 Jan	644 11	3 1	656 05	2 4	662 97	4 6	583 46	4 5	562 28	-0 9	689 28	3 6	602 61	2 8	538 83	-1 8	544 99	1 3	513 39	4 8	556 22	4 1
Feb	645 24	2 8	656 21	2 0	674 86	4 6	582 74	3 3	562 23	0 7	689 61	3 0	601 53	2 6	538 69	-0 8	547 91	2 2	504 46	3 9	553 20	3 0
Mar	647 71	2 7	663 44	2 0	682 08	6 4	581 70	3 6	566 56	1 0	691 17	2 6	601 71	2 3	543 06	-0 1	545 25	0 8	507 40	4 2	560 35	4 8
Apr	650 90	2 5	668 06	2 7	681 75	5 7	585 01	2 4	569 59	1 1	693 21	2 2	607 40	2 2	546 77	1 2	552 38	1 5	519 74	6 4	567 78	3 3
May	650 33	2 4	670 27	3 2	686 17	5 7	585 49	2 4	569 65	1 6	689 99	1 5	607 85	2 1	543 23	2 3	560 22	5 2	516 87	5 1	575 39	4 8
Jun	650 36	2 5	668 57	3 0	687 23	5 8	585 89	2 0	575 44	2 6	689 24	1 8	609 90	2 2	546 20	3 3	555 76	3 1	510 02	4 1	574 80	3 1
Jul	648 92	2 8	663 53	3 9	686 68	5 3	587 59	2 5	583 91	4 9	688 16	1 9	608 54	2 5	546 08	2 6	561 01	3 8	497 72	2 3	540 65	-0 4
Aug	652 38	2 5	667 96	4 0	680 36	4 5	594 47	3 8	585 59	3 9	691 44	1 5	613 56	2 1	546 38	3 3	570 42	4 1	504 84	2 4	554 43	1 3
Sep	654 18	2 3	668 84	3 6	689 43	5 9	594 29	3 0	586 92	5 3	695 18	1 0	609 46	1 6	549 43	2 3	565 45	2 6	508 66	0 5	574 05	2 5
Oct	651 07	2 2	671 53	4 3	679 38	2 6	594 03	2 5	573 68	3 8	692 83	1 7	604 81	1 2	547 54	2 6	558 45	3 4	508 39	-1 1	585 79	3 0
Nov	653 97	2 5	678 18	4 2	685 50	3 6	587 49	1 4	569 42	2 5	695 48	2 0	606 48	1 6	545 35	2 2	560 84	4 1	517 21	0 4	582 87	2 7
Dec	651 35	1 6	676 45	5 1	681 19	1 7	585 02	0 4	572 51	3 2	691 78	1 0	603 64	-0 1	553 17	3 0	564 63	4 4	522 86	2 4	572 38	4 2
2003 Jan	658 15	2 2	679 52	3 6	685 97	3 5	591 72	1 4	569 86	1 3	697 88	1 2	616 43	2 3	556 22	3 2	562 11	3 1	527 80	2 8	577 57	3 8
Feb	658 93	2 1	679 14	3 5	689 76	2 2	599 15	2 8	577 67	2 7	699 38	1 4	613 76	2 0	553 87	2 8	560 51	2 3	541 96	7 4	571 19	3 3
Mar	658 12	1 6	682 00	2 8	686 10	0 6	602 81	3 6	580 87	2 5	694 25	0 4	617 22	2 6	557 75	2 7	565 92	3 8	541 72	6 8	571 99	2 1
Apr	659 75	1 4	680 37	1 8	681 47	0 0	597 39	2 1	578 10	1 5	700 84	1 1	615 79	1 4	556 40	1 8	575 01	4 1	559 21	7 6	584 79	3 0
May	662 79	1 9	684 33	2 1	679 01	-1 0	597 66	2 1	578 69	1 6	703 47	2 0	622 41	2 4	560 16	3 1	586 28	4 7	542 54	5 0	590 15	2 6
Jun	659 76	1 4	688 57	3 0	677 05	-1 5	596 68	1 8	579 03	0 6	698 43	1 3	620 93	1 8	559 20	2 4	575 26	3 5	529 41	3 8	583 41	1 5
Jul	662 42	2 1	687 34	3 6	685 37	-0 2	607 89	3 5	588 73	0 8	700 11	1 7	623 38	2 4	553 83	1 4	581 42	3 6	530 05	6 5	581 63	7 6
Aug	666 46	2 2	687 38	2 9	693 12	1 9	610 43	2 7	590 38	0 8	704 38	1 9	626 88	2 2	568 10	4 0	579 49	1 6	532 46	5 5	584 29	5 4
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Aug02	648 74		664 26		680 26		585 79		571 91		690 26		606 64		543 66		554 74		509 31		560 35	
Jan-Aug03	660 80		683 58		684 73		600 47		580 42		699 84		619 60		558 19		573 25		538 14		580 63	
% Change	1 9		2 9		0 7		2 5		1 5		1 4		2 1		2 7		3 3		5 7		3 6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
1994																						
1995																						
1996																						
1997	15 56		16 87		14 76		13 50		13 80		16 31		15 30		12 89		12 87		11 78		13 08	
1998	15 75		17 10		15 14		13 71		14 00		16 45		15 45		13 09		13 20		11 92		12 98	
1999	16 14	2 5	17 26	0 9	15 75	4 0	14 17	3 4	14 44	3 1	16 98	3 2	15 70	1 6	13 30	1 6	13 41	1 6	12 23	2 6	13 02	0 3
2000	16 64	3 1	17 59	1 9	16 26	3 2	14 70	3 7	14 93	3 4	17 58	3 5	16 07	2 4	13 97	5 0	13 94	4 0	12 58	2 9	13 69	5 1
2001	17 18	3 2	17 93	1 9	17 07	5 0	15 36	4 5	15 27	2 3	18 16	3 3	16 59	3 2	14 16	1 4	14 45	3 7	13 22	5 1	14 32	4 6
2002	17 66	2 8	18 58	3 6	17 94	5 1	15 87	3 3	15 69	2 8	18 56	2 2	16 97	2 3	14 42	1 8	14 80	2 4	13 62	3 0	14 81	3 4
2002 Jan	17 61	3 2	18 33	3 1	17 61	5 3	15 76	4 6	15 42	-2 3	18 61	3 7	16 98	2 9	14 49	-0 3	14 76	0 5	14 18	5 1	14 90	4 9
Feb	17 66	3 1	18 46	3 7	17 78	5 5	15 81	3 6	15 51	0 1	18 66	3 2	16 92	2 3	14 55	-0 1	14 82	1 7	13 97	3 3	14 87	3 6
Mar	17 69	3 1	18 50	2 8	18 09	7 5	15 90	4 7	15 62	0 8	18 62	2 8	16 94	2 5	14 58	1 0	14 66	0 5	14 04	4 7	15 02	4 1
Apr	17 73	2 7	18 60	3 1	18 13	5 8	15 90	2 8	15 65	0 6	18 61	2 4	17 07	2 6	14 57	1 2	14 76	1 1	14 00	4 5	15 03	3 5
May	17 61	2 4	18 58	2 7	17 96	5 2	15 82	3 1	15 63	2 6	18 48	1 9	16 97	2 0	14 32	2 4	14 67	3 2	13 53	4 2	14 85	4 6
Jun	17 56	2 8	18 44	2 5	18 01	6 1	15 81	3 1	15 81	4 2	18 46	2 4	16 87	1 9	14 23	3 0	14 58	2 4	13 19	3 5	14 63	3 5
Jul	17 38	2 9	18 31	3 6	17 78	5 3	15 70	3 4	15 72	5 9	18 26	1 9	16 71	2 8	14 22	3 0	14 58	2 9	12 87	2 5	13 91	2 1
Aug	17 44	2 9	18 28	3 9	17 68	5 2	15 76	4 0	15 74	4 9	18 31	1 8	16 86	2 7	14 16	2 9	14 78	3 6	13 02	3 2	14 19	2 2
Sep	17 77	2 8	18 62	3 7	18 17	6 1	15 97	3 2	15 93	5 3	18 67	1 9	17 07	2 1	14 43	2 3	15 04	2 8	13 47	2 8	14 99	3 6
Oct	17 76	2 7	18 78	4 3	18 03	3 6	16 03	3 0	15 75	4 7	18 64	2 0	17 09	2 3	14 50	2 9	14 89	2 5	13 49	0 1	15 21	2 6
Nov	17 84	2 6	18 99	4 6	18 03	3 6	15 97	2 0	15 70	3 2	18 73	1 9	17 09	2 2	14 48	1 8	15 05	3 4	13 83	0 2	15 19	2 8
Dec	17 83	2 1	19 04	5 4	18 00	2 3	16 00	2 2	15 76	3 1	18 66	0 9	17 12	1 5	14 64	1 8	15 06	4 3	14 28	2 9	15 17	4 5
2003 Jan	18 02	2 3	19 14	4 4	18 11	2 8	16 34	3 7	15 79	2 4	18 85	1 3	17 38	2 4	14 80	2 1	15 26	3 4	14 58	2 8	15 51	4 1
Feb	18 09	2 4	19 13	3 6	18 20	2 4	16 37	3 5	15 92	2 6	18 94	1 5	17 42	3 0	14 84	2 0	15 33	3 4	14 95	7 0	15 37	3 4
Mar	18 04	2 0	19 09	3 2	18 11	0 1	16 38	3 0	16 06	2 8	18 81	1 0	17 47	3 1	14 89	2 1	15 40	5 0	14 90	6 1	15 46	2 9
Apr	18 04	1 7	19 03	2 3	18 09	-0 2	16 35	2 8	15 87	1 4	18 90	1 6	17 39	1 9	14 87	2 1	15 45	4 7	15 01	7 2	15 70	4 5
May	17 99	2 2	18 99	2 2	17 85	-0 6	16 13	2 0	15 85	1 4	18 88	2 2	17 42	2 7	14 78	3 2	15 60	6 3	14 41	6 5	15 52	4 5
Jun	17 84	1 6	18 98	2 9	17 80	-1 2	16 07	1 6	15 76	-0 3	18 71	1 4	17 29	2 5	14 53	2 1	15 25	4 6	13 97	5 9	15 10	3 2
Jul	17 78	2 3	18 87	3 1	17 87	0 5	16 10	2 5	15 80	0 5	18 64	2 1	17 18	2 8	14 31	0 6	15 31	5 0	13 91	8 1	14 85	6 8
Aug	17 85	2 4	18 83	3 0	17 97	1 6	16 21	2 9	15 73	-0 1	18 72	2 2	17 29	2 6	14 56	2 8	15 21	2 9	13 91	6 8	14 84	4 6
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Aug02	17 59		18 44		17 88		15 81		15 64		18 50		16 92		14 39		14 70		13 60		14 68	
Jan-Aug03	17 96		19 01		18 00		16 24		15 85		18 81		17 36		14 70		15 35		14 46		15 29	
% Change	2 1		3 1		0 7		2 8		1 3		1 6		2 6		2 1		4 4		6 3		4 2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857 5		1,675 9		1,294 8		450 8		506 5		4,973 8		3,039 9		301 5		367 9		54 4		191 9	
1994	13,111 7	2 0	1,754 0	4 7	1,331 6	2 8	455 7	1 1	509 5	0 6	5,039 2	1 3	3,100 6	2 0	300 2	-0 4	373 3	1 5	55 4	1 8	192 2	0 2
1995	13,356 9	1 9	1,792 3	2 2	1,369 3	2 8	459 4	0 8	519 0	1 9	5,130 6	1 8	3,147 5	1 5	309 9	3 2	377 1	1 0	57 3	3 4	194 3	1 1
1996	13,462 6	0 8	1,821 2	1 6	1,408 4	2 9	457 5	-0 4	518 6	-0 1	5,180 8	1 0	3,145 9	-0 1	306 2	-1 2	378 1	0 3	58 9	2 8	187 0	-3 8
1997	13,774 4	2 3	1,869 0	2 6	1,457 9	3 5	470 0	2 7	525 6	1 3	5,313 4	2 6	3,195 1	1 6	310 7	1 5	384 3	1 6	59 2	0 5	189 3	1 2
1998	14,140 4	2 7	1,870 2	0 1	1,515 4	3 9	476 3	1 3	535 7	1 9	5,490 0	3 3	3,281 5	2 7	317 8	2 3	398 9	3 8	60 4	2 0	194 2	2 6
1999	14,531 2	2 8	1,906 4	1 9	1,553 3	2 5	480 1	0 8	542 7	1 3	5,688 1	3 6	3,357 4	2 3	328 4	3 3	408 6	2 4	61 3	1 5	204 9	5 5
2000	14,909 7	2 6	1,949 1	2 2	1,588 2	2 2	485 0	1 0	554 4	2 2	5,872 1	3 2	3,437 7	2 4	334 4	1 8	419 5	2 7	64 5	5 2	204 6	-0 1
2001	15,076 8	1 1	1,942 4	-0 3	1,632 1	2 8	472 4	-2 6	557 9	0 6	5,962 7	1 5	3,474 5	1 1	334 4	0 0	423 3	0 9	65 9	2 2	211 3	3 3
2002	15,411 8	2 2	1,973 4	1 6	1,673 8	2 6	482 0	2 0	567 0	1 6	6,068 0	1 8	3,592 7	3 4	345 6	3 3	428 4	1 2	67 1	1 8	213 9	1 2
2002 Jan	14,796 7	0 8	1,899 6	-0 1	1,627 3	2 3	458 7	-2 4	553 7	1 6	5,863 3	0 2	3,407 5	1 7	321 4	0 2	410 0	2 3	59 7	1 0	195 5	2 4
Feb	14,860 2	0 9	1,903 7	-1 2	1,623 3	1 2	464 9	0 2	551 2	0 8	5,892 5	1 0	3,441 1	1 9	321 7	2 7	406.4	-0 1	60 6	0 3	194 8	1 9
Mar	14,980 1	1 5	1,920 6	-1 4	1,639 3	2 6	465 7	-0 2	559 6	2 1	5,914 1	1 1	3,483 6	2 9	326 8	5 6	410 1	1 4	61 5	0 7	198 8	3 0
Apr	15,095 1	1 5	1,938 1	0 1	1,631 6	1 5	464 3	-0 2	557 0	1 4	5,953 9	0 7	3,534 7	3 7	331 3	4 2	415 5	1 8	64 0	5 4	204 7	3 2
May	15,469 0	1 6	1,961 8	-1 2	1,670 0	1 3	486 1	2 3	568 9	1 3	6,076 7	0 8	3,634 6	4 4	349 2	3 8	434 9	3 1	70 2	1 6	216 5	0 1
Jun	15,723 9	2 2	2,010 7	1 3	1,698 8	1 7	494 3	2 7	580 6	2 6	6,128 5	1 1	3,707 2	4 5	360 3	2 9	441 2	1 8	72 7	0 1	229 5	1 3
Jul	15,810 9	2 3	2,023 0	2 1	1,718 7	3 6	494 2	1 5	576 9	2 5	6,154 5	1 3	3,724 1	3 8	364 2	3 2	442 5	-0 5	72 3	0 1	240 7	3 2
Aug	15,850 2	2 8	2,035 3	3 7	1,716 6	3 6	496 4	1 2	574 3	2 1	6,223 7	2 3	3,682 1	3 3	367 8	3 1	447 3	1 5	74 0	2 6	232 8	1 9
Sep	15,613 4	2 9	2,020 6	3 9	1,680 4	2 3	493 7	4 1	573 5	1 7	6,122 3	2 9	3,636 5	3 1	359 6	4 1	434 1	1 0	71 7	3 9	221 0	0 6
Oct	15,613 3	3 1	2,002 5	4 1	1,681 6	2 6	492 2	4 7	571 4	1 1	6,157 2	3 2	3,636 3	3 2	354 3	3 0	434 6	0 0	69 0	2 4	214 3	-1 2
Nov	15,580 4	3 3	1,987 9	3 8	1,698 0	3 7	489 0	5 3	567 9	1 0	6,175 3	3 3	3,606 0	3 6	348 8	3 9	432 2	0 8	65 1	1 6	210 2	-1 1
Dec	15,548 8	3 7	1,977 0	4 1	1,700 6	4 2	484 2	5 4	569 0	1 4	6,153 7	3 3	3,618 7	4 8	341 9	3 7	431 6	1 5	64 0	2 6	208 1	-0 3
2003 Jan	15,266 3	3 2	1,944 5	2 4	1,667 5	2 5	475 5	3 7	555 4	0 3	6,080 7	3 7	3,534 3	3 7	329 7	2 6	417 7	1 9	61 4	2 8	199 6	2 1
Feb	15,375 7	3 5	1,971 3	3 6	1,677 4	3 3	475 5	2 3	556 6	1 0	6,120 1	3 9	3,564 4	3 6	329 6	2 5	417 4	2 7	62 1	2 5	201 1	3 2
Mar	15,424 0	3 0	1,998 2	4 0	1,680 2	2 5	477 1	2 4	559 7	0 0	6,134 7	3 7	3,557 9	2 1	331 4	1 4	419 9	2 4	62 3	1 3	202 6	1 9
Apr	15,478 7	2 5	1,993 9	2 9	1,678 9	2 9	477 2	2 8	564 4	1 3	6,142 9	3 2	3,595 5	1 7	330 4	-0 3	427 2	2 8	63 3	-1 1	205 1	0 2
May	15,799 6	2 1	2,015 6	2 7	1,726 4	3 4	493 7	1 6	577 3	1 5	6,251 3	2 9	3,663 6	0 8	338 9	-2 9	440 9	1 4	71 4	1 7	220 5	1 8
Jun	16,074 6	2 2	2,042 5	1 6	1,756 3	3 4	501 5	1 5	579 9	-0 1	6,312 2	3 0	3,753 3	1 2	362 1	0 5	451 4	2 3	77 3	6 3	238 0	3 7
Jul	16,090 4	1 8	2,055 8	1 6	1,756 0	2 2	500 3	1 2	579 1	0 4	6,309 0	2 5	3,755 4	0 8	365 7	0 4	451 1	1 9	75 7	4 7	242 4	0 7
Aug	16,048 7	1 3	2,059 9	1 2	1,751 9	2 1	499 3	0 6	578 5	0 7	6,326 3	1 6	3,710 3	0 8	360 3	-2 0	449 2	0 4	76 5	3 4	236 6	1 6
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Aug02	15,323 3		1,961 6		1,665 7		478 1		565 3		6,025 9		3,576 9		342 8		426 0		66 9		214 2	
Jan-Aug03	15,694 8		2,010 2		1,711 8		487 5		568 9		6,209 7		3,641 8		343 5		434 4		68 8		218 2	
% Change	2 4		2 5		2 8		2 0		0 6		3 0		1 8		0 2		2 0		2 8		1 9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
Mar	33.0	-1.2	32.8	-0.3	35.8	0.3	34.3	-0.9	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-1.8	33.2	-1.2	34.9	1.5	31.0	-2.2	33.4	1.8	33.4	-1.8
Apr	30.2	-13.0	29.0	-12.4	31.7	-11.5	30.9	-12.5	30.1	-13.3	30.3	-13.9	30.0	-12.3	31.2	-11.1	29.9	-12.3	30.0	-13.3	29.6	-14.5
May	34.5	-1.1	33.2	-0.6	35.8	-0.3	37.2	-0.5	34.9	0.9	34.6	-1.4	33.9	-1.2	35.5	-0.8	35.3	1.1	37.2	-1.8	35.0	-1.7
Jun	34.7	-1.4	33.5	0.3	36.0	-0.6	36.1	1.1	34.9	0.9	34.9	-2.0	33.8	-2.3	36.0	-0.6	35.6	-0.3	37.9	-2.1	36.4	-2.9
Jul	31.3	1.0	31.6	0.6	34.4	3.0	32.2	-1.2	32.2	2.2	32.4	0.6	26.9	1.9	33.7	0.6	32.7	-0.9	33.5	-3.7	33.4	-0.9
Aug	30.6	-2.5	30.5	-0.3	33.1	3.8	33.2	4.1	32.6	6.9	30.1	-6.2	29.3	-3.3	33.3	0.3	31.5	-1.3	33.7	-2.0	32.0	-0.3
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Aug02	33.6		32.5		34.9		34.5		33.5		34.0		32.5		34.7		33.6		34.9		34.3	
Jan-Aug03	32.8		31.9		34.7		33.7		33.2		32.9		31.7		34.2		32.8		34.0		33.4	
% Change	-2.4		-1.8		-0.6		-2.2		-0.8		-3.2		-2.5		-1.3		-2.4		-2.4		-2.8	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993									377.6		1,194.9					
1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
Mar	811.45	-1.2	648.86	3.7	20.46	-1.4	18.73	4.2	421.8	13.1	1,576.4	1.9	37.5	3.6	31.5	-1.6
Apr	821.04	1.5	644.59	1.6	20.61	0.8	18.62	2.5	411.7	9.3	1,582.2	1.3	31.7	-13.2	28.3	-12.4
May	814.95	1.2	649.08	1.9	20.52	1.7	18.57	2.1	431.4	10.6	1,584.2	0.8	37.4	-1.6	32.1	-0.6
Jun	828.09	6.3	651.05	1.5	20.57	4.6	18.55	2.3	437.7	7.8	1,604.9	0.0	37.4	-1.3	32.4	0.3
Jul	803.80	6.5	654.50	2.4	20.23	6.5	18.49	2.0	451.3	6.3	1,604.4	0.4	35.9	-0.8	30.4	0.7
Aug	811.05	6.8	653.78	1.6	20.45	7.5	18.39	1.7	444.4	3.0	1,615.4	0.7	35.6	-1.9	29.1	0.0
Sep																
Oct																
Nov																
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Aug02	792.73		632.94		19.99		18.06		391.2		1,570.4		36.7		31.5	
Jan-Aug03	813.89		649.55		20.50		18.61		424.4		1,585.8		36.2		30.8	
% Change	2.7		2.6		2.6		3.1		8.5		1.0		-1.2		-2.3	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2A **B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE**

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
Mar	811.45	-1.2	472.28	-8.3	996.15	4.2	1080.61	16.6	794.78	-2.2	803.35	-2.8
Apr	821.04	1.5	444.01	-13.4	1061.44	9.0	1061.08	18.1	805.85	1.5	797.70	-3.7
May	814.95	1.2	460.86	-7.0	975.25	0.9	1030.88	0.6	817.48	3.8	780.98	-5.0
Jun	828.09	6.3	500.60	16.6	933.74	-2.7	1072.67	2.2	834.91	9.9	797.67	0.5
Jul	803.80	6.5	479.47	10.1	944.43	3.2	1086.46	4.1	801.41	8.1	776.97	1.2
Aug	811.05	6.8	495.95	16.8	943.58	-3.2	1096.69	13.7	814.53	7.0	791.76	6.3
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Aug02	792.73		477.87		953.63		959.30		782.76		796.01	
Jan-Aug03	813.89		462.62		972.10		1060.18		809.67		797.34	
% Change	2.7		-3.2		1.9		10.5		3.4		0.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	667.51	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	699.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
Mar	648.86	3.7	807.26	2.0	513.78	2.2	760.09	8.6	844.95	2.2	764.90	-0.8	692.54	0.2	379.30	14.3	892.60	-1.2	682.00	2.8
Apr	644.59	1.6	780.31	-3.6	499.74	-0.2	749.48	3.7	877.68	2.9	768.02	-2.6	701.63	1.6	357.46	4.7	924.19	3.4	680.37	1.8
May	649.08	1.9	804.66	-2.3	514.18	1.6	747.84	3.3	868.27	3.3	805.62	2.3	681.62	-0.7	345.61	-1.6	906.52	3.8	684.33	2.1
Jun	651.05	1.5	781.14	-2.9	521.98	0.8	712.44	-4.8	837.42	2.8	832.26	10.0	712.95	3.2	360.62	-1.6	895.29	2.2	688.57	3.0
Jul	654.50	2.4	815.63	-0.1	510.09	-2.2	708.94	-4.3	826.55	1.3	866.04	9.2	730.07	6.1	376.44	11.8	901.28	0.0	687.34	3.6
Aug	653.78	1.6	770.24	-5.6	516.55	-0.7	726.38	-3.6	840.92	-0.4	862.98	5.4	732.35	2.5	372.24	9.7	909.63	5.5	687.38	2.9
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Aug02	632.94		799.82		503.36		718.11		829.02		778.95		687.88		339.94		884.69		664.26	
Jan-Aug03	649.55		804.85		514.37		733.52		864.46		799.47		703.63		360.00		901.46		683.58	
% Change	2.6		0.6		2.2		2.1		4.3		2.6		2.3		5.9		1.9		2.9	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
Mar	20.46	-1.4	12.66	-6.1	23.57	7.5	27.44	8.4	20.19	-1.7	20.44	-4.7
Apr	20.61	0.8	12.07	-13.2	24.88	7.4	27.61	15.0	20.37	1.4	20.08	-4.6
May	20.52	1.7	11.56	-10.2	23.45	4.0	27.03	2.2	20.66	4.2	19.77	-4.7
Jun	20.57	4.6	12.57	9.7	21.98	-3.6	28.19	5.0	20.84	7.8	19.84	-0.8
Jul	20.23	6.5	11.97	7.1	22.52	6.4	28.71	4.3	20.29	7.2	19.72	2.5
Aug	20.45	7.5	12.55	22.7	22.40	-1.4	29.41	14.5	20.60	7.2	20.07	6.7
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Aug02	19.99		12.36		22.28		25.35		19.81		20.36	
Jan-Aug03	20.50		12.26		23.21		27.83		20.46		20.16	
% Change	2.6		-0.9		4.2		9.8		3.3		-1.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.			
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																		
1994																		
1995																		
1996																		
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
Mar	18.73	4.2	20.60	4.5	14.90	2.8	20.51	5.7	23.05	4.1	24.15	3.0	21.40	3.7	11.93	7.3	23.92	-1.3	19.09	3.2
Apr	18.62	2.5	20.34	-0.3	14.48	0.4	20.30	3.4	23.63	4.4	24.38	2.5	21.52	3.6	11.38	1.4	24.44	1.1	19.03	2.3
May	18.57	2.1	20.27	-0.9	14.85	2.2	19.88	1.4	22.82	2.5	24.27	2.0	21.49	2.9	11.23	-1.9	23.79	0.9	18.99	2.2
Jun	18.55	2.3	20.24	-1.3	14.75	1.5	19.50	-2.8	22.41	3.2	24.79	11.7	21.76	3.3	11.14	-5.3	23.80	0.9	18.98	2.9
Jul	18.49	2.0	20.67	1.9	14.50	-1.8	19.69	-4.8	21.81	-0.5	25.28	10.9	22.30	5.3	11.33	2.2	23.95	-0.4	18.87	3.1
Aug	18.39	1.7	19.42	-5.4	14.56	-1.0	19.72	-2.2	21.85	-2.2	24.64	6.7	22.54	5.1	11.22	2.9	24.54	5.1	18.83	3.0
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Aug02	18.06		20.17		14.43		19.56		21.99		23.30		20.89		11.17		23.81		18.44	
Jan-Aug03	18.61		20.49		14.77		19.99		22.98		24.42		21.75		11.38		24.07		19.01	
% Change	3.1		1.6		2.3		2.2		4.5		4.8		4.1		1.9		1.1		3.1	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
Mar	421.8	13.1	36.1	54.3	29.0	16.0	4.1	95.2	15.5	38.4	207.6	8.4	27.2	34.7	50.7	0.8	15.5	-26.5	115.0	7.0
Apr	411.7	9.3	33.3	33.7	26.9	22.3	2.3	-8.0	14.6	57.0	208.7	7.1	30.0	50.0	51.8	7.0	14.5	-23.7	111.5	-0.4
May	431.4	10.6	35.3	21.3	27.8	14.9	2.4	4.3	18.5	110.2	212.8	10.8	32.0	42.9	52.8	9.3	14.2	-26.8	119.9	0.3
Jun	437.7	7.8	35.8	9.1	30.0	29.9	5.2	100.0	15.4	60.4	209.3	3.3	30.2	5.2	51.6	15.2	16.5	-8.8	128.0	5.2
Jul	451.3	6.3	37.9	8.3	33.8	29.0	4.8	60.0	15.8	50.5	213.5	2.9	31.8	-3.3	52.5	16.4	15.4	-7.8	132.3	1.9
Aug	444.4	3.0	40.9	6.5	29.2	2.5	6.7	36.7	10.5	28.0	212.5	3.0	36.1	4.0	45.0	2.3	14.3	2.1	131.0	-1.7
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Aug02	391.2		28.3		24.3		2.7		10.2		195.2		24.8		46.2		17.8		118.0	
Jan-Aug03	424.4		34.8		29.2		4.5		13.8		207.8		30.5		49.7		15.6		120.6	
% Change	8.5		22.9		20.4		63.9		34.9		6.4		22.8		7.5		-12.4		2.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291 4		100 6		275 2		113 9		700 4		112 6		164 3		121 4		101 3		1,675 9	
1994	1,352 4	4 7	99 1	-1 5	289 4	5 2	118 0	3 6	745 8	6 5	120 4	6 9	170 8	4 0	129 2	6 4	100 1	-1 2	1,754 0	4 7
1995	1,386 9	2 6	96 8	-2 3	299 8	3 6	117 9	-0 1	768 6	3 1	123 3	2 4	176 6	3 4	135 2	4 6	103 8	3 7	1,792 3	2 2
1996	1,411 0	1 7	99 1	2 4	294 3	-1 8	123 6	4 8	787 0	2 4	117 6	-4 6	183 4	3 9	142 8	5 6	107 0	3 1	1,821 2	1 6
1997	1,451 2	2 8	109 2	10 2	301 5	2 4	127 1	2 8	814 0	3 4	121 9	3 7	189 6	3 4	145 4	1 8	99 5	-7 0	1,869 0	2 6
1998	1,461 2	0 7	106 2	-2 7	294 3	-2 4	122 7	-3 5	845 2	3 8	120 2	-1 4	194 6	2 6	151 9	4 5	93 1	-6 4	1,870 2	0 1
1999	1,509 9	3 3	117 9	11 0	308 5	4 8	119 9	-2 3	873 0	3 3	127 5	6 1	195 2	0 3	152 7	0 5	90 4	-2 9	1,908 4	1 9
2000	1,534 7	1 6	114 4	-3 0	303 2	-1 7	119 5	-0 3	907 9	4 0	134 9	5 8	202 1	3 5	164 0	7 4	89 7	-0 8	1,949 1	2 2
2001	1,550 4	1 0	106 9	-6 6	309 5	2 1	116 2	-2 8	929 0	2 3	135 7	0 6	203 8	0 8	170 6	4 0	88 8	-1 0	1,942 4	-0 3
2002	1,574 4	1 5	110 1	3 0	319 0	3 1	118 9	2 3	941 8	1 4	139 7	2 9	217 3	6 6	171 0	0 2	84 7	-4 6	1,973 4	1 6
2002 Jan	1,537 8	1 2	103 6	-1 6	303 4	1 2	115 6	-5 9	931 9	3 0	145 1	3 6	215 3	10 9	168 7	2 4	83 4	-4 0	1,899 6	-0 1
Feb	1,537 9	0 0	106 1	0 2	304 2	3 3	111 7	-9 0	937 3	0 9	142 2	-1 5	210 2	11 6	174 4	-3 5	78 6	-9 7	1,903 7	-1 2
Mar	1,547 6	-0 3	101 6	-8 6	299 3	-2 2	110 0	-7 1	954 3	2 8	142 9	6 3	211 4	3 1	180 8	2 9	82 3	-6 1	1,920 6	-1 4
Apr	1,561 4	1 3	104 4	-3 6	317 1	6 4	108 2	-11 3	953 0	3 1	147 7	7 9	216 3	8 9	179 9	6 1	78 9	-11 0	1,938 1	0 1
May	1,571 7	-0 8	107 7	0 9	321 8	2 6	111 5	-5 7	948 7	0 0	139 7	0 9	213 6	1 9	178 7	1 0	82 1	-14 8	1,961 8	-1 2
Jun	1,604 6	1 7	112 4	5 3	320 0	5 0	118 9	-0 7	967 8	1 3	143 6	8 1	218 7	3 5	176 7	4 0	85 4	-6 7	2,010 7	1 3
Jul	1,598 3	2 0	115 8	7 5	328 2	6 6	118 8	2 9	945 5	0 0	119 4	5 9	222 4	4 3	179 8	0 6	90 0	-1 0	2,023 0	2 1
Aug	1,603 7	3 3	111 7	2 5	331 2	5 1	123 5	4 3	947 3	3 2	123 5	10 5	218 0	4 7	173 9	-1 3	90 0	-2 6	2,035 3	3 7
Sep	1,598 1	3 6	119 7	7 7	325 4	3 9	123 9	11 6	939 9	1 9	144 0	5 6	218 0	6 8	163 7	1 2	89 1	5 2	2,020 6	3 9
Oct	1,579 1	2 8	114 4	7 4	320 1	2 5	128 4	15 6	929 1	0 8	141 6	0 3	223 8	13 5	160 2	-2 7	87 0	3 6	2,002 5	4 1
Nov	1,579 4	2 0	111 0	4 2	324 5	-0 2	127 8	20 3	931 7	1 1	139 8	-6 8	220 9	8 8	161 1	2 7	84 4	-5 1	1,987 9	3 8
Dec	1,573 8	1 8	112 9	15 0	332 3	2 6	128 9	18 7	915 1	-1 6	147 2	-1 3	219 6	3 5	154 7	-9 8	84 8	-1 7	1,977 0	4 1
2003 Jan	1,550 0	0 8	114 1	10 1	320 7	5 7	128 4	11 1	904 7	-2 9	155 3	7 0	207 5	-3 6	156 4	-7 3	82 2	-1 4	1,944 5	2 4
Feb	1,568 8	2 0	115 6	9 0	312 9	2 9	127 9	14 5	924 2	-1 4	161 3	13 4	211 8	0 8	158 1	-9 3	88 2	12 2	1,971 3	3 6
Mar	1,576 4	1 9	116 9	15 1	312 1	4 3	127 7	16 1	935 7	-1 9	158 6	11 0	211 6	0 1	161 1	-10 9	84 0	2 1	1,998 2	4 0
Apr	1,582 2	1 3	111 7	7 0	318 4	0 4	128 9	19 1	941 9	-1 2	155 1	5 0	214 5	-0 8	157 6	-12 4	81 2	2 9	1,993 9	2 9
May	1,584 2	0 8	117 8	9 4	313 8	-2 5	119 8	7 4	947 9	-0 1	148 4	6 2	210 9	-1 3	159 4	-10 8	84 7	3 2	2,015 6	2 7
Jun	1,604 9	0 0	112 7	0 3	316 9	-1 0	122 0	2 6	961 9	-0 6	145 8	1 5	214 3	-2 0	165 2	-6 5	91 3	6 9	2,042 5	1 6
Jul	1,604 4	0 4	111 0	-4 1	327 9	-0 1	121 7	2 4	947 7	0 2	120 7	1 1	212 8	-4 3	169 3	-5 8	96 2	6 9	2,055 8	1 6
Aug	1,615 4	0 7	116 8	4 6	322 2	-2 7	123 3	-0 2	958 6	1 2	122 3	-1 0	209 7	-3 8	176 7	1 6	94 5	5 0	2,059 9	1 2
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Aug02	1,570 4		107 9		315 7		114 8		948 2		138 0		215 7		176 6		83 8		1,961 6	
Jan-Aug03	1,585 8		114 6		318 1		125 0		940 3		145 9		211 6		163 0		87 8		2,010 2	
% Change	1 0		6 2		0 8		8 9		-0 8		5 7		-1 9		-7 7		4 7		2 5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
Mar	37.5	3.6	34.1	2.4	40.6	-1.9	34.5	-0.6	37.3	2.5	37.8	8.3
Apr	31.7	-13.2	32.5	-9.7	30.7	-12.0	33.0	-0.6	32.5	-12.2	30.2	-17.5
May	37.4	-1.6	40.0	3.9	36.4	-6.4	35.9	-4.0	37.4	-2.3	37.3	0.8
Jun	37.4	-1.3	42.8	14.4	39.9	4.7	37.6	-3.8	37.0	-1.9	35.4	-6.8
Jul	35.9	-0.8	39.3	0.5	36.1	-7.4	33.6	13.9	35.2	0.6	36.4	-1.9
Aug	35.6	-1.9	42.8	-0.5	39.0	11.1	31.4	1.0	34.3	-1.7	34.8	-6.7
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Aug02	36.7		35.7		38.4		34.3		36.8		36.0	
Jan-Aug03	36.2		37.1		38.2		35.2		36.2		35.3	
% Change	-1.2		3.9		-0.5		2.6		-1.7		-2.2	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
Mar	31.5	-1.6	37.1	9.8	30.6	-6.7	34.2	-2.6	35.1	-2.5	27.6	-13.2	28.7	-7.4	29.7	5.7	34.3	-2.1	32.8	-0.3
Apr	28.3	-12.4	31.9	-12.6	28.7	-9.5	28.6	-18.8	30.8	-16.3	26.0	-20.7	26.3	-12.6	28.8	3.6	30.2	-16.1	29.0	-12.4
May	32.1	-0.6	38.0	2.2	31.3	-4.0	33.8	-2.9	36.1	5.2	31.4	-2.5	27.9	-8.2	30.5	7.8	35.1	1.2	33.2	-0.6
Jun	32.4	0.3	35.3	-1.9	31.9	-2.1	32.9	-2.1	34.6	0.3	32.2	0.3	30.0	3.4	31.5	5.7	35.5	-0.3	33.5	0.3
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Aug	29.1	0.0	35.9	3.2	30.8	0.0	30.0	-7.1	31.9	0.3	14.9	-2.0	25.1	-10.7	30.6	3.4	27.3	-1.1	30.5	-0.3
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Jan-Aug02	31.5		35.8		31.8		34.4		34.7		28.4		29.5		28.7		33.5		32.5	
Jan-Aug03	30.8		35.5		30.8		32.7		34.1		26.3		27.9		29.7		33.3		31.9	
% Change	-2.3		-0.7		-3.1		-4.9		-1.7		-7.3		-5.6		3.7		-0.6		-1.8	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

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Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

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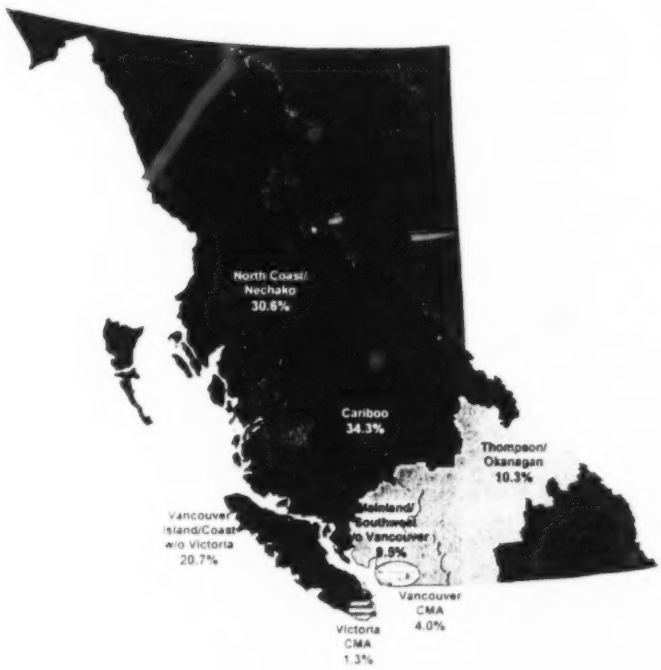

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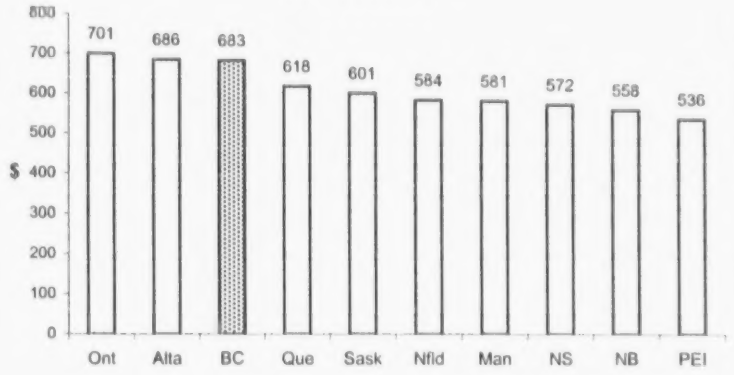
When the forestry dependency map is juxtaposed with the economic growth map on the 1st page, the two together illustrate that employment growth, or lack thereof, is very highly correlated with the regions' relative reliance on forestry. The areas of the province where forestry represents less than 10 per cent of the local economies, namely, the Capital, the Lower Mainland, and the areas surrounding the Lower Mainland (Fraser Valley and Squamish /Lillooet regions) experienced employment growth over 4 per cent, well above the BC average of 3.1 per cent. As a result, these large metropolitan areas saw an increase in their share of BC employment by more than 1 percentage point, from 68.7 to 69.9 per cent while all the other regions in the province lost ground. Three regions, the North Coast/Nechako, the Cariboo and the Kootenays actually saw substantial declines in employment, with job loses of more than 2 per cent over the two-year timeframe.

In summary, from the data available, we cannot conclude that the US softwood lumber tax has caused the economic difficulties in the BC "heartland". However, there is strong evidence that the forestry dependent areas of BC have lost their overall share of the province's jobs since duties came into effect.

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - October 2003

by Province



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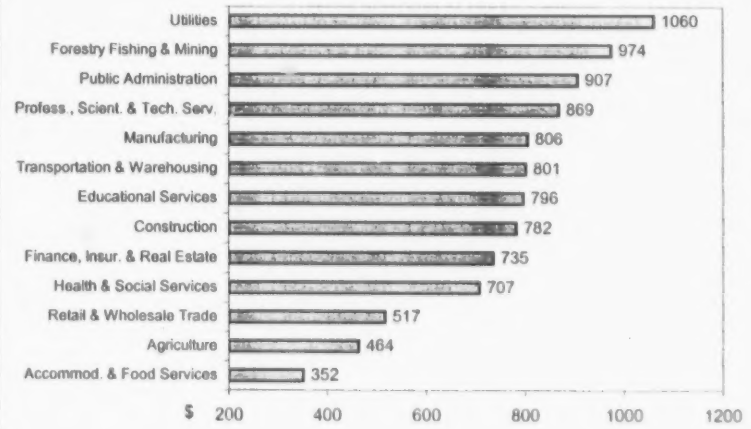
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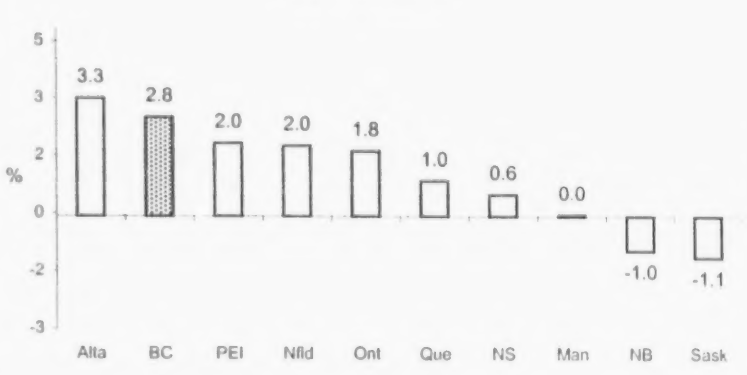
** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - October 2003

by Province



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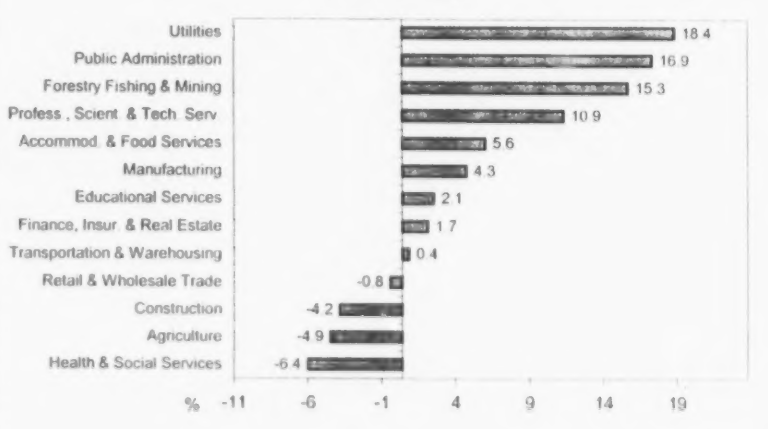
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Manufacturing 4.3
Educational Services 2.1
Finance, Insur. & Real Estate 1.7
Transportation & Warehousing 0.4
Retail & Wholesale Trade -0.8
Construction -4.2
Agriculture -4.9
Health & Social Services -6.4
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** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.9			-0.1	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.3			-0.5	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			3.9			2.3	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.2	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	1.0	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002 Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	2.3	-0.9	1.3	1.2	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.8	0.9	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.1	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.0	1.3	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.1	2.0	0.7	-0.3	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	3.0	1.7	0.0	1.2	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.2	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.4	1.8	-0.9	1.4	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.8	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	3.2	1.6	-2.2	0.8	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003 Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.4	0.4	-2.2	0.8	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	4.0	0.3	-2.4	1.0	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
Mar	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	4.2	-0.6	-2.6	1.1	3.8	2.9	0.9	7.7	7.3	5.8
Apr	2.3	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.4	2.3	-0.4	-1.6	0.1	2.8	2.6	1.1	8.1	7.5	6.0
May	1.9	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.9	0.1	-0.9	0.9	3.1	2.3	0.7	8.6	7.8	6.1
Jun	1.7	2.6	2.1	3.0	1.4	2.2	1.3	-1.1	0.1	1.6	2.2	1.0	8.3	7.7	6.4
Jul	1.7	2.2	2.1	3.6	2.1	2.8	1.9	-0.1	0.7	1.4	1.9	0.8	8.6	7.8	6.2
Aug	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.9	2.2	2.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.4	0.6	8.7	8.0	6.1
Sep	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.4	1.3	0.7	0.2	-1.0	0.8	1.4	0.2	9.1	8.0	6.1
Oct	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.7	2.7	1.9	0.1	1.1	-0.2	2.5	1.6	0.7	7.8	7.6	6.0
Nov															
Dec															

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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
1994																						
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		548.45		487.77		479.56		440.42		492.79	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.40	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.06	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.36	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.28	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.8	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.53	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.46	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.8
Apr	650.90	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	519.74	6.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.36	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	574.80	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	540.65	-0.4
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	3.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	554.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	668.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.66	0.5	574.05	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.38	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	678.18	4.2	685.50	3.6	587.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.4	582.87	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.78	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.4	572.38	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
Feb	658.93	2.1	679.14	3.5	689.76	2.2	599.15	2.8	577.67	2.7	699.38	1.4	613.76	2.0	553.87	2.8	560.51	2.3	541.96	7.4	571.19	3.3
Mar	658.12	1.6	682.00	2.8	686.10	0.6	602.81	3.6	580.87	2.5	694.25	0.4	617.22	2.6	557.75	2.7	565.92	3.8	541.72	6.8	571.99	2.1
Apr	659.75	1.4	680.37	1.8	681.47	0.0	597.39	2.1	578.10	1.5	700.84	1.1	615.79	1.4	556.40	1.8	575.01	4.1	559.21	7.6	584.79	3.0
May	662.79	1.9	684.33	2.1	679.01	-1.0	597.66	2.1	578.69	1.6	703.47	2.0	622.41	2.4	560.16	3.1	586.28	4.7	542.54	5.0	590.15	2.6
Jun	659.76	1.4	688.57	3.0	677.05	-1.5	596.68	1.8	579.03	0.6	698.43	1.3	620.93	1.8	559.20	2.4	575.26	3.5	529.41	3.8	583.41	1.5
Jul	662.42	2.1	687.34	3.6	685.37	-0.2	607.89	3.5	588.73	0.8	700.11	1.7	623.38	2.4	553.83	1.4	581.42	3.6	530.05	6.5	581.63	7.6
Aug	666.46	2.2	687.38	2.9	693.12	1.9	610.43	2.7	590.38	0.8	704.38	1.9	626.88	2.2	568.10	4.0	579.49	1.6	532.46	5.5	584.29	5.4
Sep	669.59	2.4	686.99	2.7	690.32	0.1	610.41	2.7	592.41	0.9	712.46	2.5	625.76	2.7	569.07	3.6	578.17	2.2	542.36	6.6	602.12	4.9
Oct	668.63	2.7	683.06	1.7	694.43	2.2	619.43	4.3	597.05	4.1	710.45	2.5	623.77	3.1	563.33	2.9	576.33	3.2	539.19	6.1	602.85	2.9
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct02	649.52		665.45		681.09		587.47		573.59		691.01		606.74		544.62		556.18		509.15		564.27	
Jan-Oct03	662.46		683.87		686.26		603.36		583.28		702.17		620.63		559.79		574.05		538.67		585.00	
% Change	2.0		2.8		0.8		2.7		1.7		1.6		2.3		2.8		3.2		5.8		3.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
1994																						
1995																						
1996																						
1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
Feb	18.09	2.4	19.13	3.6	18.20	2.4	16.37	3.5	15.92	2.6	18.94	1.5	17.42	3.0	14.84	2.0	15.33	3.4	14.95	7.0	15.37	3.4
Mar	18.04	2.0	19.09	3.2	18.11	0.1	16.38	3.0	16.06	2.8	18.81	1.0	17.47	3.1	14.89	2.1	15.40	5.0	14.90	6.1	15.46	2.9
Apr	18.04	1.7	19.03	2.3	18.09	-0.2	16.35	2.8	15.87	1.4	18.90	1.6	17.39	1.9	14.87	2.1	15.45	4.7	15.01	7.2	15.70	4.5
May	17.99	2.2	18.99	2.2	17.85	-0.6	16.13	2.0	15.85	1.4	18.88	2.2	17.42	2.7	14.78	3.2	15.60	6.3	14.41	6.5	15.52	4.5
Jun	17.84	1.6	18.98	2.9	17.80	-1.2	16.07	1.6	15.76	-0.3	18.71	1.4	17.29	2.5	14.53	2.1	15.25	4.6	13.97	5.9	15.10	3.2
Jul	17.78	2.3	18.87	3.1	17.87	0.5	16.10	2.5	15.80	0.5	18.64	2.1	17.18	2.8	14.31	0.6	15.31	5.0	13.91	8.1	14.85	6.8
Aug	17.85	2.4	18.83	3.0	17.97	1.6	16.21	2.9	15.73	-0.1	18.72	2.2	17.29	2.6	14.56	2.8	15.21	2.9	13.91	6.8	14.84	4.6
Sep	18.23	2.6	19.12	2.7	18.33	0.9	16.71	4.6	16.18	1.6	19.15	2.6	17.59	3.0	14.78	2.4	15.43	2.6	14.37	6.7	15.39	2.7
Oct	18.27	2.9	19.08	1.6	18.47	2.4	16.75	4.5	16.21	2.9	19.13	2.6	17.71	3.6	14.83	2.3	15.50	4.1	14.45	7.1	15.69	3.2
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct02	17.62		18.49		17.92		15.85		15.68		18.53		16.95		14.41		14.75		13.58		14.76	
Jan-Oct03	18.02		19.03		18.08		16.34		15.92		18.87		17.41		14.72		15.37		14.45		15.34	
% Change	2.2		2.9		0.9		3.1		1.5		1.8		2.7		2.2		4.2		6.4		3.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
Feb	15,375.7	3.5	1,971.3	3.6	1,677.4	3.3	475.5	2.3	556.6	1.0	6,120.1	3.9	3,564.4	3.6	329.6	2.5	417.4	2.7	62.1	2.5	201.1	3.2
Mar	15,424.0	3.0	1,998.2	4.0	1,680.2	2.5	477.1	2.4	559.7	0.0	6,134.7	3.7	3,557.9	2.1	331.4	1.4	419.9	2.4	62.3	1.3	202.6	1.9
Apr	15,478.7	2.5	1,993.9	2.9	1,678.9	2.9	477.2	2.8	564.4	1.3	6,142.9	3.2	3,595.5	1.7	330.4	-0.3	427.2	2.8	63.3	-1.1	205.1	0.2
May	15,799.6	2.1	2,015.6	2.7	1,726.4	3.4	493.7	1.6	577.3	1.5	6,251.3	2.9	3,663.6	0.8	338.9	-2.9	440.9	1.4	71.4	1.7	220.5	1.8
Jun	16,074.6	2.2	2,042.5	1.6	1,756.3	3.4	501.5	1.5	579.9	-0.1	6,312.2	3.0	3,753.3	1.2	362.1	0.5	451.4	2.3	77.3	6.3	238.0	3.7
Jul	16,090.4	1.8	2,055.8	1.6	1,756.0	2.2	500.3	1.2	579.1	0.4	6,309.0	2.5	3,755.4	0.8	365.7	0.4	451.1	1.9	75.7	4.7	242.4	0.7
Aug	16,048.7	1.3	2,059.9	1.2	1,751.9	2.1	499.3	0.6	578.5	0.7	6,326.3	1.6	3,710.3	0.8	360.3	-2.0	449.2	0.4	76.5	3.4	236.6	1.6
Sep	15,832.6	1.4	2,037.1	0.8	1,739.5	3.5	488.2	-1.1	567.3	-1.1	6,249.3	2.1	3,656.5	0.5	354.1	-1.5	440.4	1.5	72.3	0.8	228.1	3.2
Oct	15,870.0	1.6	2,057.7	2.8	1,736.8	3.3	486.6	-1.1	571.6	0.0	6,268.4	1.8	3,671.9	1.0	350.9	-1.0	437.2	0.6	70.4	2.0	218.5	2.0
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct02	15,381.3		1,971.6		1,668.8		481.1		566.7		6,048.7		3,588.8		345.7		427.7		67.6		214.9	
Jan-Oct03	15,726.1		2,017.7		1,717.1		487.5		569.0		6,219.5		3,646.3		345.3		435.2		69.3		219.3	
% Change	2.2		2.3		2.9		1.3		0.4		2.8		1.6		-0.1		1.8		2.5		2.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
Mar	33.0	-1.2	32.8	-0.3	35.8	0.3	34.3	-0.9	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-1.8	33.2	-1.2	34.9	1.5	31.0	-2.2	33.4	1.8	33.4	-1.8
Apr	30.2	-13.0	29.0	-12.4	31.7	-11.5	30.9	-12.5	30.1	-13.3	30.3	-13.9	30.0	-12.3	31.2	-11.1	29.9	-12.3	30.0	-13.3	29.6	-14.5
May	34.5	-1.1	33.2	-0.6	35.8	-0.3	37.2	-0.5	34.9	0.9	34.6	-1.4	33.9	-1.2	35.5	-0.8	35.3	1.1	37.2	-1.8	35.0	-1.7
Jun	34.7	-1.4	33.5	0.3	36.0	-0.6	36.1	1.1	34.9	0.9	34.9	-2.0	33.8	-2.3	36.0	-0.6	35.6	-0.3	37.9	-2.1	36.4	-2.9
Jul	31.3	1.0	31.6	0.6	34.4	3.0	32.2	-1.2	32.2	2.2	32.4	0.6	26.9	1.9	33.7	0.6	32.7	-0.9	33.5	-3.7	33.4	-0.9
Aug	30.6	-2.5	30.5	-0.3	33.1	3.8	33.2	4.1	32.6	6.9	30.1	-6.2	29.3	-3.3	33.3	0.3	31.5	-1.3	33.7	2.0	32.0	-0.3
Sep	34.6	-0.9	33.3	0.9	35.9	-1.1	35.3	-2.8	35.1	0.0	35.0	-0.8	33.6	-1.8	35.8	-1.6	35.0	-0.3	36.7	0.3	35.1	0.8
Oct	30.7	0.7	29.8	2.8	32.6	0.3	32.2	1.3	31.9	3.2	30.7	0.0	29.5	0.0	32.3	0.0	31.0	0.6	32.2	-1.8	31.5	-2.5
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct02	33.4		32.2		34.8		34.4		33.4		33.8		32.4		34.6		33.5		34.8		34.2	
Jan-Oct03	32.8		31.9		34.6		33.7		33.3		32.9		31.7		34.2		32.9		34.1		33.4	
% Change	-2.0		-1.1		-0.6		-1.9		-0.4		-2.7		-2.2		-1.2		-1.9		-2.1		-2.5	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1993									377.6		1,194.9					
	1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
	1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
	1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
	1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
	1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
	1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002	Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
	Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
	Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
	Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
	May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
	Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
	Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
	Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
	Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
	Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
	Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
	Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003	Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
	Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
	Mar	811.45	-1.2	648.86	3.7	20.46	-1.4	18.73	4.2	421.8	13.1	1,576.4	1.9	37.5	3.6	31.5	-1.6
	Apr	821.04	1.5	644.59	1.6	20.61	0.8	18.62	2.5	411.7	9.3	1,582.2	1.3	31.7	-13.2	28.3	-12.4
	May	814.95	1.2	649.08	1.9	20.52	1.7	18.57	2.1	431.4	10.6	1,584.2	0.8	37.4	-1.6	32.1	-0.6
	Jun	828.09	6.3	651.05	1.5	20.57	4.6	18.55	2.3	437.7	7.8	1,604.9	0.0	37.4	-1.3	32.4	0.3
	Jul	803.80	6.5	654.50	2.4	20.23	6.5	18.49	2.0	451.3	6.3	1,604.4	0.4	35.9	-0.8	30.4	0.7
	Aug	811.05	6.8	653.78	1.6	20.45	7.5	18.39	1.7	444.4	3.0	1,615.4	0.7	35.6	-1.9	29.1	0.0
	Sep	814.29	6.9	654.40	1.5	20.53	5.6	18.76	2.0	421.5	-0.2	1,615.6	1.1	37.7	1.6	32.1	0.6
	Oct	797.31	3.4	653.37	1.3	20.29	4.3	18.77	0.9	433.8	2.5	1,623.9	2.8	32.1	0.6	29.1	3.2
	Nov																
	Dec																
Average:																	
Jan-Oct02		787.46		635.32		19.88		18.15		397.6		1,574.0		36.2		31.2	
Jan-Oct03		812.27		650.42		20.48		18.64		425.1		1,592.6		36.0		30.8	
% Change		3.2		2.4		3.0		2.7		6.9		1.2		-0.7		-1.5	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
Mar	811.45	-1.2	472.28	-8.3	996.15	4.2	1080.61	16.6	794.78	-2.2	803.35	-2.8
Apr	821.04	1.5	444.01	-13.4	1061.44	9.0	1061.08	18.1	805.85	1.5	797.70	-3.7
May	814.95	1.2	460.86	-7.0	975.25	0.9	1030.88	0.6	817.48	3.8	780.98	-5.0
Jun	828.09	6.3	500.60	16.6	933.74	-2.7	1072.67	2.2	834.91	9.9	797.67	0.5
Jul	803.80	6.5	479.47	10.1	944.43	3.2	1086.46	4.1	801.41	8.1	776.97	1.2
Aug	811.05	6.8	495.95	16.8	943.58	-3.2	1096.69	13.7	814.53	7.0	791.76	6.3
Sep	814.29	6.9	548.94	27.2	954.11	7.3	1052.20	9.0	814.84	4.2	768.85	5.3
Oct	797.31	3.4	473.57	4.8	971.26	2.3	1091.66	8.0	797.38	3.6	723.81	-3.7
Nov												
Dec												
Averages:												
Jan-Oct02	787.46		470.65		946.79		965.00		781.40		785.02	
Jan-Oct03	812.27		472.34		970.22		1062.53		808.96		787.13	
% Change	3.2		0.4		2.5		10.1		3.5		0.3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	667.51	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	695.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
Mar	648.86	3.7	807.26	2.0	513.78	2.2	760.09	8.6	844.95	2.2	764.90	-0.8	692.54	0.2	379.30	14.3	892.60	-1.2	682.00	2.8
Apr	644.59	1.6	780.31	-3.6	499.74	-0.2	749.48	3.7	877.68	2.9	768.02	-2.6	701.63	1.6	357.46	4.7	924.19	3.4	680.37	1.8
May	649.08	1.9	804.66	-2.3	514.18	1.6	747.84	3.3	868.27	3.3	805.62	2.3	681.62	-0.7	345.61	-1.6	906.52	3.8	684.33	2.1
Jun	651.05	1.5	781.14	-2.9	521.98	0.8	712.44	-4.8	837.42	2.8	832.26	10.0	712.95	3.2	360.62	-1.6	895.29	2.2	688.57	3.0
Jul	654.50	2.4	815.63	-0.1	510.09	-2.2	708.94	-4.3	826.55	1.3	866.04	9.2	730.07	6.1	376.44	11.8	901.28	0.0	687.34	3.6
Aug	653.78	1.6	770.24	-5.6	516.55	-0.7	726.38	-3.6	840.92	-0.4	862.98	5.4	732.35	2.5	372.24	9.7	909.63	5.5	687.38	2.9
Sep	654.40	1.5	806.19	-3.6	537.74	6.4	719.66	-4.4	849.86	-0.2	813.55	7.8	721.22	2.5	332.27	5.4	920.29	3.7	686.99	2.7
Oct	653.37	1.3	790.18	-1.0	533.93	6.7	704.10	-4.4	820.61	-8.9	795.34	1.2	736.26	7.4	328.93	-1.3	918.86	2.1	683.06	1.7
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct02	635.32		803.24		503.25		723.36		838.39		777.24		689.25		336.80		886.51		665.45	
Jan-Oct03	650.42		803.52		518.66		729.19		858.62		800.46		708.65		354.12		905.08		683.87	
% Change	2.4		0.0		3.1		0.8		2.4		3.0		2.8		5.1		2.1		2.8	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
Mar	20.46	-1.4	12.66	-6.1	23.57	7.5	27.44	8.4	20.19	-1.7	20.44	-4.7
Apr	20.61	0.8	12.07	-13.2	24.88	7.4	27.61	15.0	20.37	1.4	20.08	-4.6
May	20.52	1.7	11.56	-10.2	23.45	4.0	27.03	2.2	20.66	4.2	19.77	-4.7
Jun	20.57	4.6	12.57	9.7	21.98	-3.6	28.19	5.0	20.84	7.8	19.84	-0.8
Jul	20.23	6.5	11.97	7.1	22.52	6.4	28.71	4.3	20.29	7.2	19.72	2.5
Aug	20.45	7.5	12.55	22.7	22.40	-1.4	29.41	14.5	20.60	7.2	20.07	6.7
Sep	20.53	5.6	13.75	28.5	23.39	8.0	28.58	10.3	20.40	3.1	19.77	2.4
Oct	20.29	4.3	13.82	23.8	23.36	6.5	28.14	4.5	20.17	3.1	18.97	-1.5
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Oct02	19.88		12.08		22.18		25.56		19.78		20.15	
Jan-Oct03	20.48		12.56		23.24		27.94		20.43		20.00	
% Change	3.0		4.0		4.8		9.3		3.3		-0.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
Mar	18.73	4.2	20.60	4.5	14.90	2.8	20.51	5.7	23.05	4.1	24.15	3.0	21.40	3.7	11.93	7.3	23.92	-1.3	19.09	3.2
Apr	18.62	2.5	20.34	-0.3	14.48	0.4	20.30	3.4	23.63	4.4	24.38	2.5	21.52	3.6	11.38	1.4	24.44	1.1	19.03	2.3
May	18.57	2.1	20.27	-0.9	14.85	2.2	19.88	1.4	22.82	2.5	24.27	2.0	21.49	2.9	11.23	-1.9	23.79	0.9	18.99	2.2
Jun	18.55	2.3	20.24	-1.3	14.75	1.5	19.50	-2.8	22.41	3.2	24.79	11.7	21.76	3.3	11.14	-5.3	23.80	0.9	18.98	2.9
Jul	18.49	2.0	20.67	1.9	14.50	-1.8	19.69	-4.8	21.81	-0.5	25.28	10.9	22.30	5.3	11.33	2.2	23.95	-0.4	18.87	3.1
Aug	18.39	1.7	19.42	-5.4	14.56	-1.0	19.72	-2.2	21.85	-2.2	24.64	6.7	22.54	5.1	11.22	2.9	24.54	5.1	18.83	3.0
Sep	18.76	2.0	20.20	-3.9	15.13	3.8	19.40	-3.4	21.83	-2.1	25.14	8.3	22.68	5.4	10.99	2.3	24.86	4.1	19.12	2.7
Oct	18.77	0.9	20.04	-2.5	15.07	3.9	19.41	-4.9	21.44	-8.5	24.42	-0.2	22.53	5.5	10.90	-1.9	25.06	4.2	19.08	1.6
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct02	18.15		20.30		14.46		19.70		22.17		23.41		21.00		11.12		23.84		18.49	
Jan-Oct03	18.64		20.42		14.84		19.87		22.71		24.49		21.92		11.29		24.25		19.03	
% Change	2.7		0.6		2.6		0.9		2.5		4.6		4.4		1.6		1.7		2.9	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
Mar	421.8	13.1	36.1	54.3	29.0	16.0	4.1	95.2	15.5	38.4	207.6	8.4	27.2	34.7	50.7	0.8	15.5	-26.5	115.0	7.0
Apr	411.7	9.3	33.3	33.7	26.9	22.3	2.3	-8.0	14.6	57.0	208.7	7.1	30.0	50.0	51.8	7.0	14.5	-23.7	111.5	-0.4
May	431.4	10.6	35.3	21.3	27.8	14.9	2.4	4.3	18.5	110.2	212.8	10.8	32.0	42.9	52.8	9.3	14.2	-26.8	119.9	0.3
Jun	437.7	7.8	35.8	9.1	30.0	29.9	5.2	100.0	15.4	60.4	209.3	3.3	30.2	5.2	51.6	15.2	16.5	-8.8	128.0	5.2
Jul	451.3	6.3	37.9	8.3	33.8	29.0	4.8	60.0	15.8	50.5	213.5	2.9	31.8	-3.3	52.5	16.4	15.4	-7.8	132.3	1.9
Aug	444.4	3.0	40.9	6.5	29.2	2.5	6.7	36.7	10.5	28.0	212.5	3.0	36.1	4.0	45.0	2.3	14.3	2.1	131.0	-1.7
Sep	421.5	-0.2	35.1	-5.9	30.1	1.0	5.1	24.4	13.5	53.4	205.6	1.6	33.9	-7.6	41.7	2.2	11.9	-23.2	119.6	-6.5
Oct	433.8	2.5	33.3	-4.9	29.6	0.3	6.7	24.1	14.7	56.4	209.0	4.3	36.4	15.2	49.4	20.5	13.2	-13.7	126.7	-4.2
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct02	397.6		29.9		25.4		3.1		10.0		196.4		26.7		45.2		17.3		120.4	
Jan-Oct03	425.1		34.7		29.4		4.8		13.8		207.7		31.4		48.9		15.0		121.1	
% Change	6.9		16.1		15.8		51.9		38.6		5.7		17.7		8.2		-13.5		0.6	

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3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
Feb	1,568.8	2.0	115.6	9.0	312.9	2.9	127.9	14.5	924.2	-1.4	161.3	13.4	211.8	0.8	158.1	-9.3	88.2	12.2	1,971.3	3.6
Mar	1,576.4	1.9	116.9	15.1	312.1	4.3	127.7	16.1	935.7	-1.9	158.6	11.0	211.6	0.1	161.1	-10.9	84.0	2.1	1,998.2	4.0
Apr	1,582.2	1.3	111.7	7.0	318.4	0.4	128.9	19.1	941.9	-1.2	155.1	5.0	214.5	-0.8	157.6	-12.4	81.2	2.9	1,993.9	2.9
May	1,584.2	0.8	117.8	9.4	313.8	-2.5	119.8	7.4	947.9	-0.1	148.4	6.2	210.9	-1.3	159.4	-10.8	84.7	3.2	2,015.6	2.7
Jun	1,604.9	0.0	112.7	0.3	316.9	-1.0	122.0	2.6	961.9	-0.6	145.8	1.5	214.3	-2.0	165.2	-6.5	91.3	6.9	2,042.5	1.6
Jul	1,604.4	0.4	111.0	-4.1	327.9	-0.1	121.7	2.4	947.7	0.2	120.7	1.1	212.8	-4.3	169.3	-5.8	96.2	6.9	2,055.8	1.6
Aug	1,615.4	0.7	116.8	4.6	322.2	-2.7	123.3	-0.2	958.6	1.2	122.3	-1.0	209.7	-3.8	176.7	1.6	94.5	5.0	2,059.9	1.2
Sep	1,615.6	1.1	111.3	-7.0	324.7	-0.2	124.7	0.6	960.0	2.1	139.6	-3.1	206.5	-5.3	169.3	3.4	95.0	6.6	2,037.1	0.8
Oct	1,623.9	2.8	114.9	0.4	317.5	-0.8	130.6	1.7	959.1	3.2	144.6	2.1	209.5	-6.4	169.2	5.6	101.7	16.9	2,057.7	2.8
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct02	1,574.0		109.7		317.1		117.1		945.5		139.0		216.8		173.7		84.7		1,971.6	
Jan-Oct03	1,592.6		114.3		318.7		125.5		944.2		145.2		210.9		164.2		89.9		2,017.7	
% Change	1.2		4.1		0.5		7.2		-0.1		4.5		-2.7		-5.4		6.2		2.3	

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3.5A ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED**

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
Mar	37.5	3.6	34.1	2.4	40.6	-1.9	34.5	-0.6	37.3	2.5	37.8	8.3
Apr	31.7	-13.2	32.5	-9.7	30.7	-12.0	33.0	-0.6	32.5	-12.2	30.2	-17.5
May	37.4	-1.6	40.0	3.9	36.4	-6.4	35.9	-4.0	37.4	-2.3	37.3	0.8
Jun	37.4	-1.3	42.8	14.4	39.9	4.7	37.6	-3.8	37.0	-1.9	35.4	-6.8
Jul	35.9	-0.8	39.3	0.5	36.1	-7.4	33.6	13.9	35.2	0.6	36.4	-1.9
Aug	35.6	-1.9	42.8	-0.5	39.0	11.1	31.4	1.0	34.3	-1.7	34.8	-6.7
Sep	37.7	1.6	42.5	7.6	40.3	-5.8	32.6	-8.7	37.5	1.6	36.0	2.6
Oct	32.1	0.6	33.0	-13.6	34.0	4.9	28.7	-4.3	32.3	2.9	31.2	0.6
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Oct02	36.2		36.3		38.2		34.0		36.3		35.4	
Jan-Oct03	36.0		37.2		38.0		34.3		35.9		34.9	
% Change	-0.7		2.4		-0.6		0.8		-0.9		-1.5	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Education		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Health and Social Services		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
Mar	31.5	-1.6	37.1	9.8	30.6	-6.7	34.2	-2.6	35.1	-2.5	27.6	-13.2	28.7	-7.4	29.7	5.7	34.3	2.1	32.8	-0.3
Apr	28.3	-12.4	31.9	-12.6	28.7	-9.5	28.6	-18.8	30.8	-16.3	26.0	-20.7	26.3	-12.6	28.8	3.6	30.2	-16.1	29.0	-12.4
May	32.1	-0.6	38.0	2.2	31.3	-4.0	33.8	-2.9	36.1	5.2	31.4	-2.5	27.9	-8.2	30.5	7.8	35.1	1.2	33.2	-0.6
Jun	32.4	0.3	35.3	-1.9	31.9	-2.1	32.9	-2.1	34.6	0.3	32.2	0.3	30.0	3.4	31.5	5.7	35.5	-0.3	33.5	0.3
Jul	30.4	0.7	36.8	-0.3	31.3	3.0	31.7	-3.9	34.8	7.7	17.5	-12.1	27.6	0.4	31.9	11.5	32.7	-1.2	31.6	0.6
Aug	29.1	0.0	35.9	3.2	30.8	0.0	30.0	-7.1	31.9	0.3	14.9	-2.0	25.1	-10.7	30.6	3.4	27.3	-1.1	30.5	-0.3
Sep	32.1	0.6	38.0	5.3	32.2	2.2	31.5	-6.3	37.3	7.8	30.4	-3.2	29.4	-3.0	29.0	5.5	32.7	-3.8	33.3	0.9
Oct	29.1	3.2	34.0	8.3	29.8	6.4	29.5	-1.7	31.4	4.7	28.9	7.4	27.2	0.4	27.2	3.8	28.7	-2.7	29.8	2.8
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct02	31.2		35.4		31.4		33.9		34.2		28.5		29.4		28.3		33.1		32.2	
Jan-Oct03	30.8		35.6		30.8		32.2		34.2		27.0		28.0		29.4		32.8		31.9	
% Change	-1.5		0.7		-1.7		-4.8		-0.1		-5.5		-4.8		3.9		-1.1		-1.1	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Linda Coldwell at (250) 356-2328 or Linda.Coldwell@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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